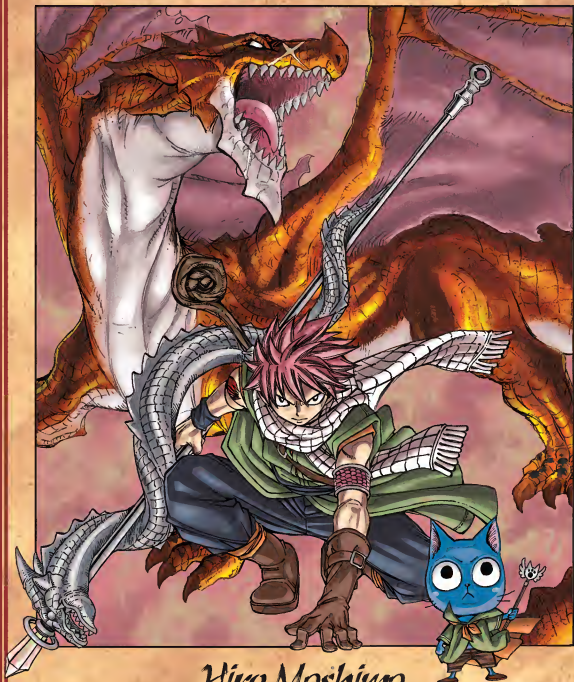


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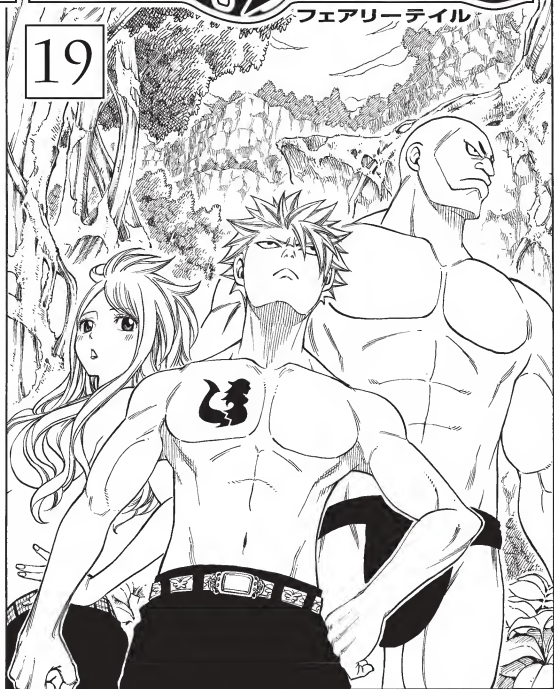


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Creator of Rave Master

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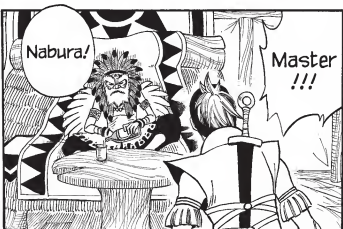
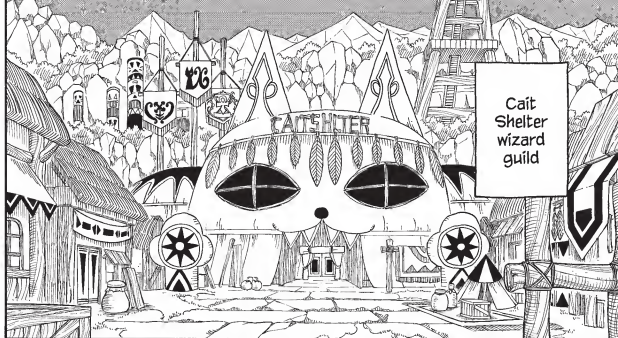
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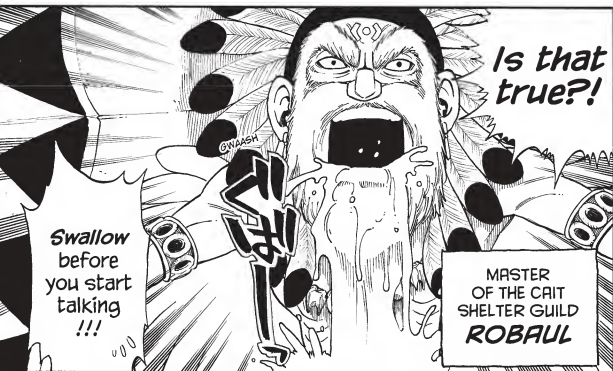
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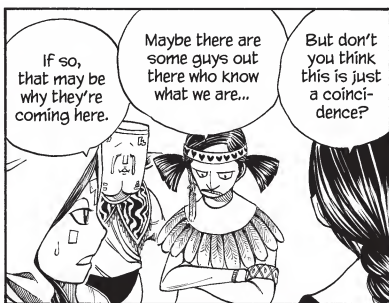
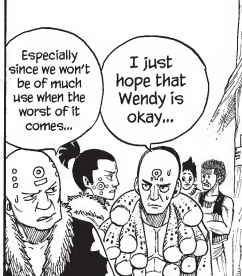
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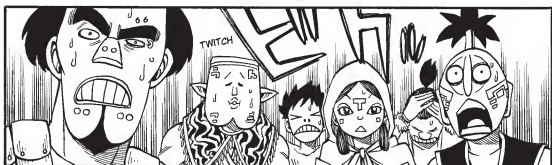
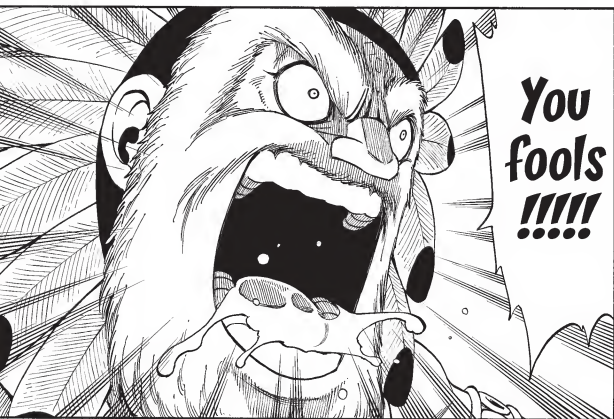
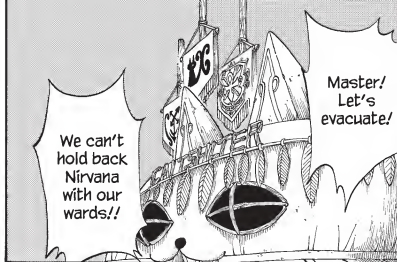


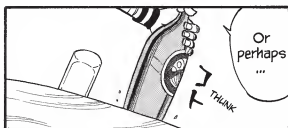
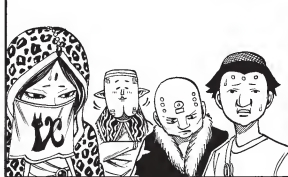
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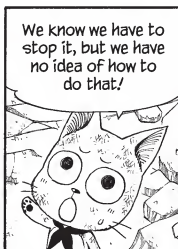
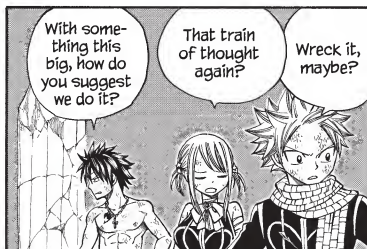
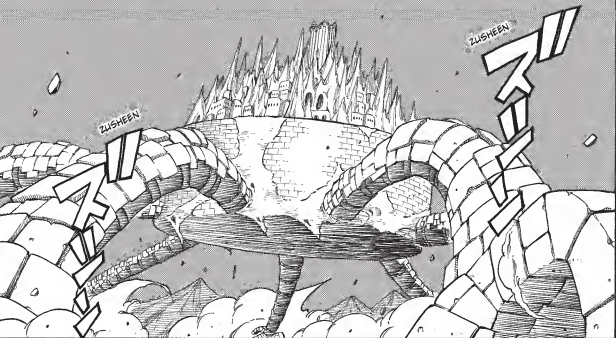


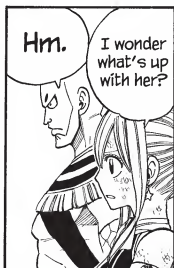
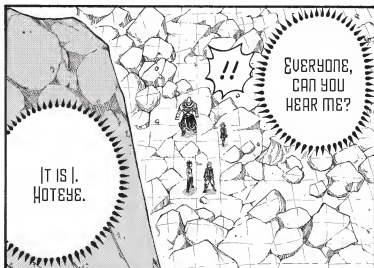


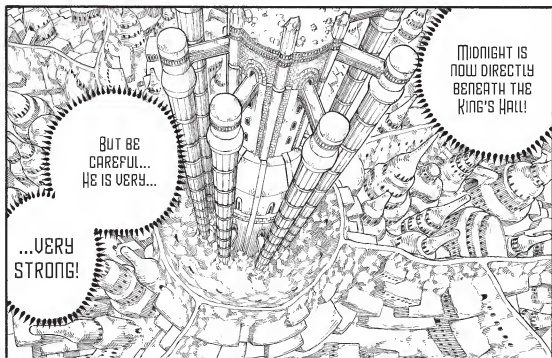
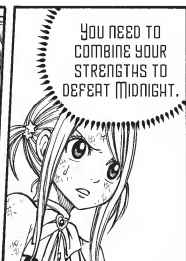
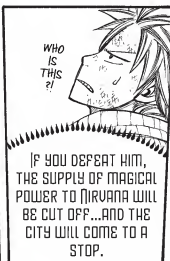
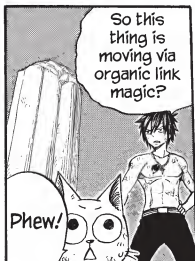
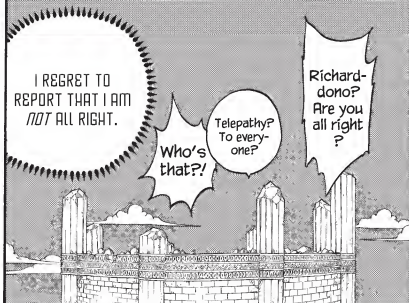


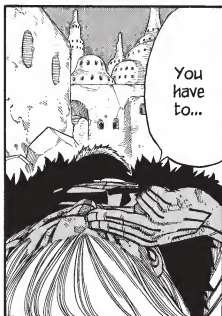
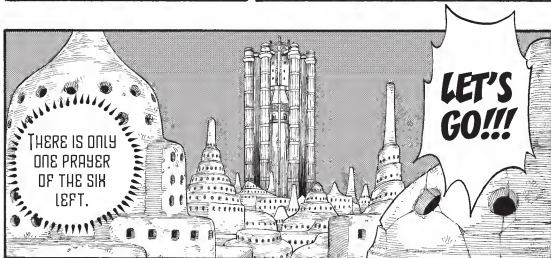


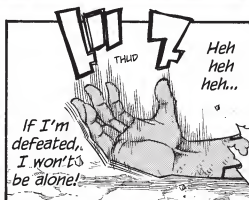


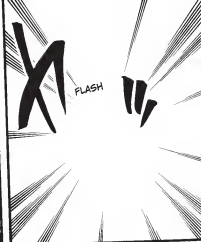


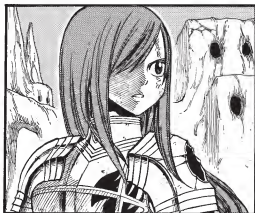


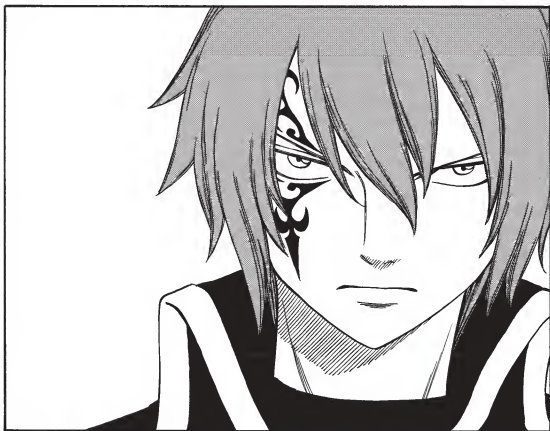






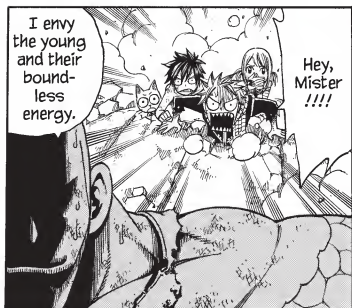
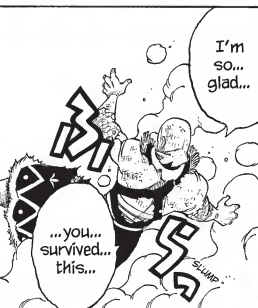
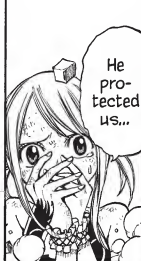


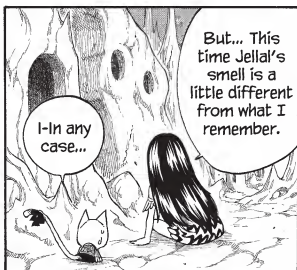
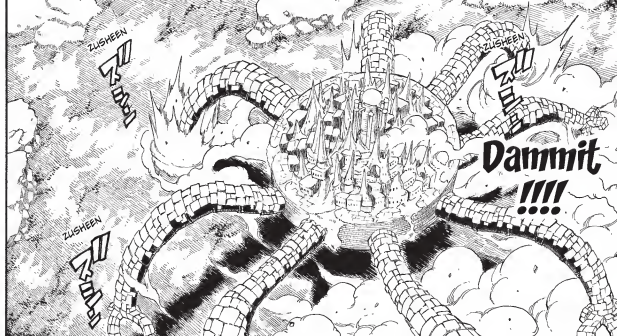






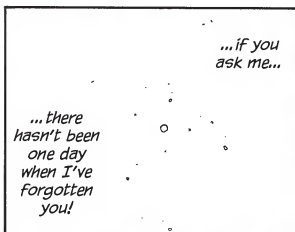








*Please be
all right,
Jellal!*

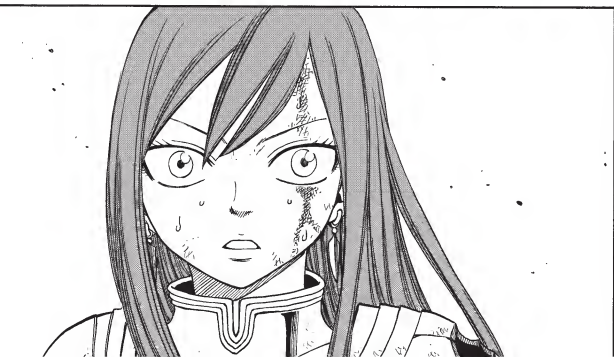


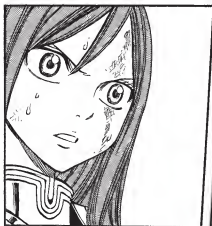
*...if you
ask me...*

*...there
hasn't been
one day
when I've
forgotten
you!*



*It seems
like you've
forgotten
me, but...*





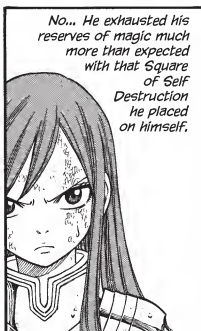
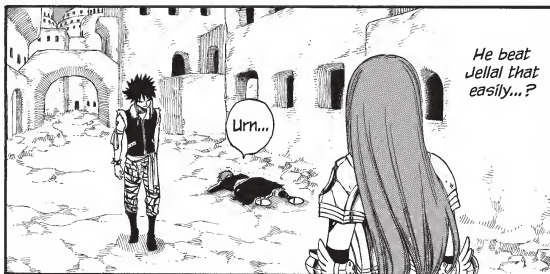


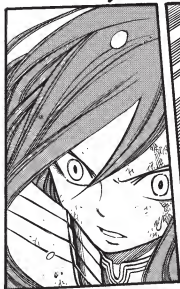
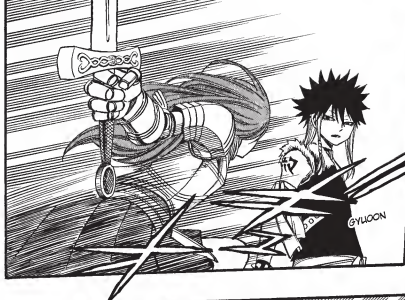


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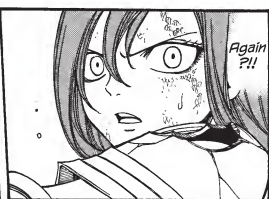
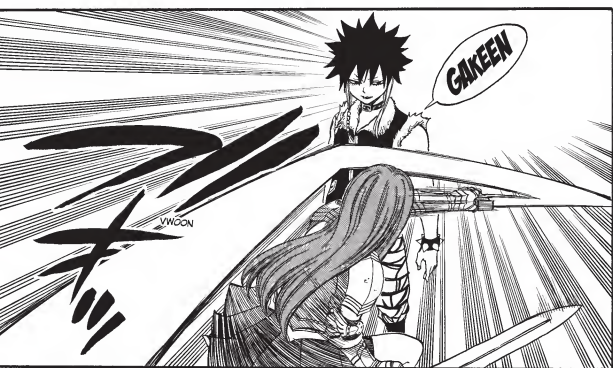
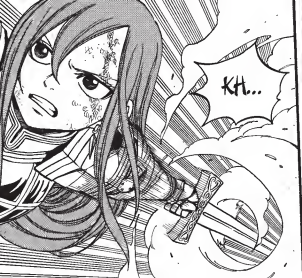
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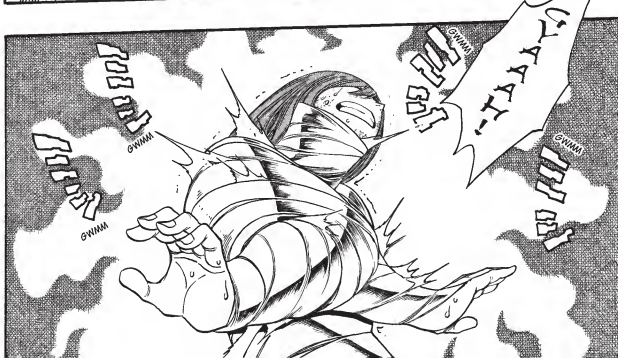
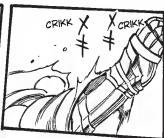
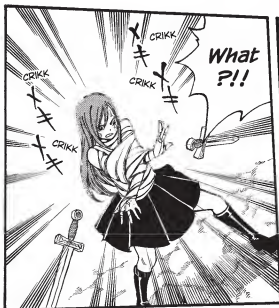


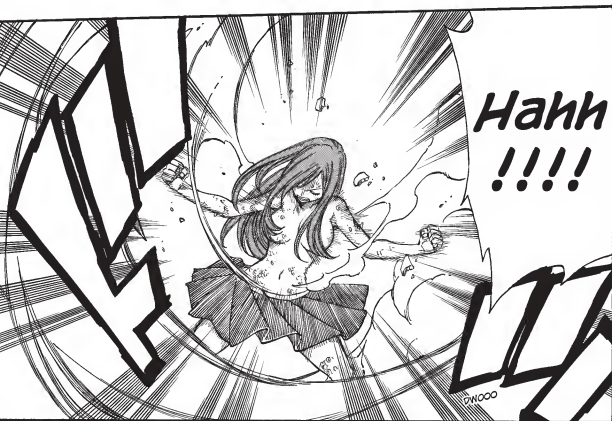
Erza
Scarlet?

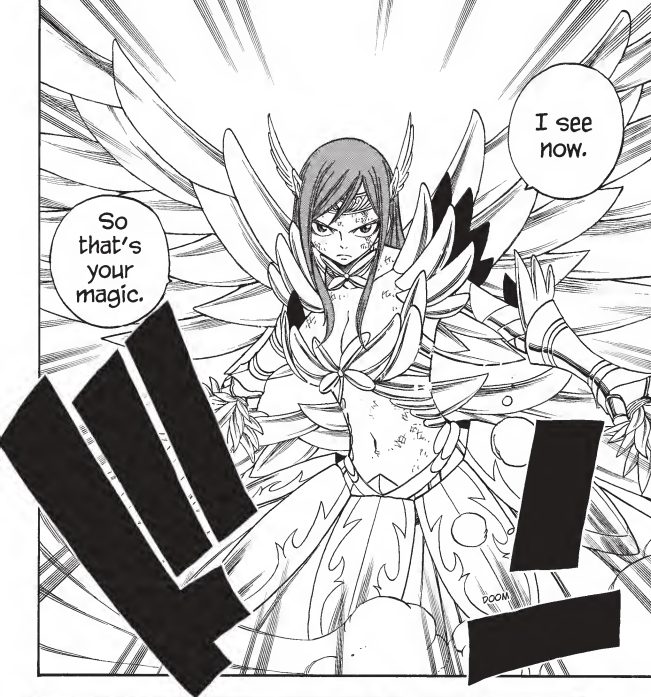
Is it
already
time for
the main
dish?









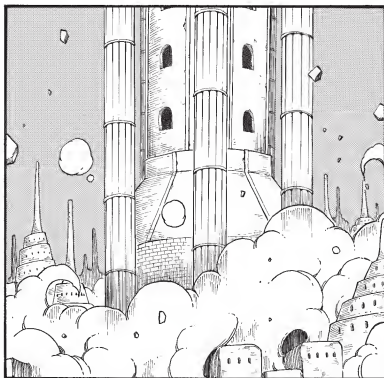


So
that's
your
magic.

I see
now.

...can take
anything and
bend, twist,
and mutilate
it.

Yes... My
reflector
magic...

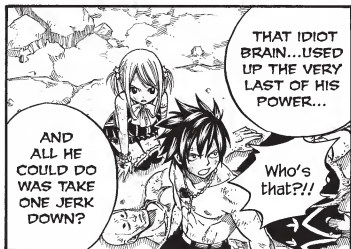




Don't you dare die on us, old guy!

What'll we do...? He's injured really bad!

Urk... It was just a trap!



THAT IDIOT BRAIN...USED UP THE VERY LAST OF HIS POWER...

Who's that?!!

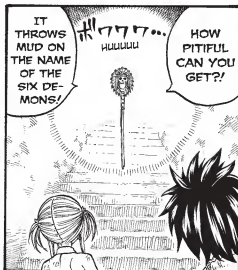
AND ALL HE COULD DO WAS TAKE ONE JERK DOWN?



YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME.



Eh?



IT THROWS MUD ON THE NAME OF THE SIX DEMONS!

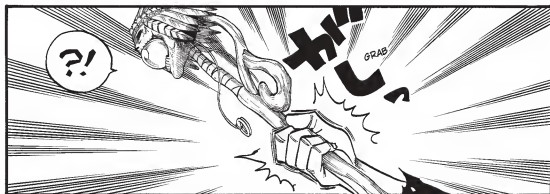
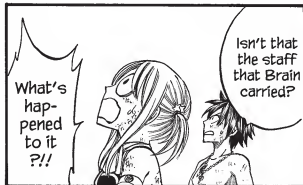
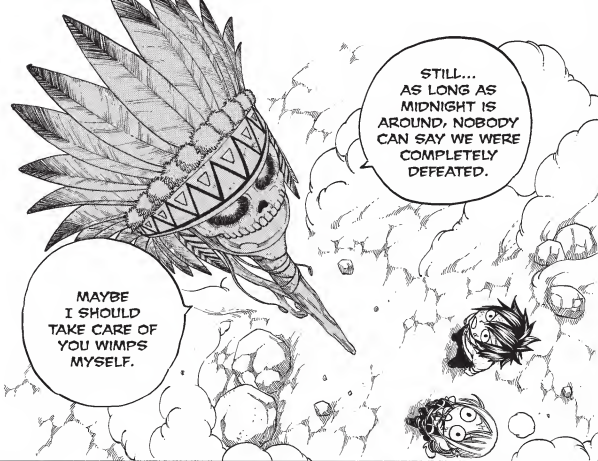
!!!

HOW PITIFUL CAN YOU GET?!



?!

There !!!



Stop this city thing, you stick!!!



Wait!! We don't know what that thing is!

Stop this city thing, you stick!!!



Wait!! We don't know what that thing is!

I'VE BEEN AWAKENED TO FINISH YOU CLODS O-!

I AM THE SEVENTH OF THE ORACIÓN SEIS!

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It's hard to decide what to complain about.

Wait... Are we just going to accept the fact that a staff is talking?

If Seis means "Six," then why's there a seventh?

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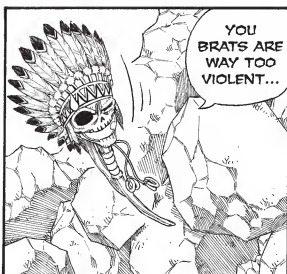
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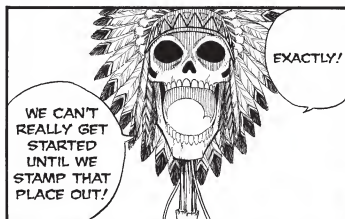


IT'S BEST
TO START BY
THROWING
OUT THE
TRASH.

THAT GUILD
SHOULD
BE COMING
INTO SIGHT
SOON.



YOU
BRATS ARE
WAY TOO
VIOLENT...



WE CAN'T
REALLY GET
STARTED
UNTIL WE
STAMP THAT
PLACE OUT!

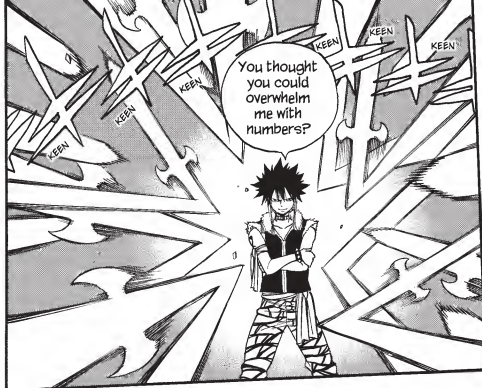
EXACTLY!



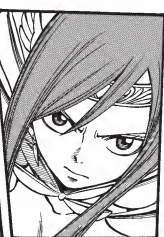
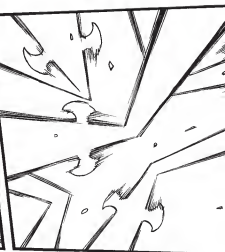
You're
talking
about Cait
Shelter?!

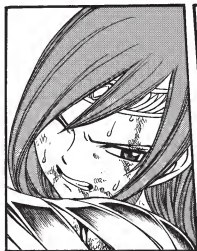
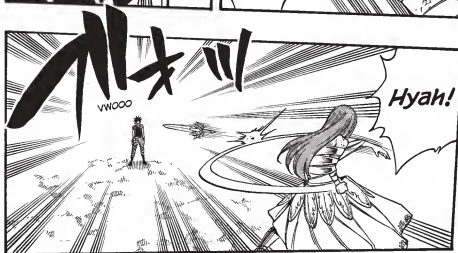


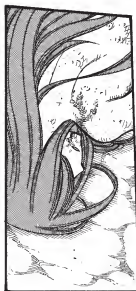
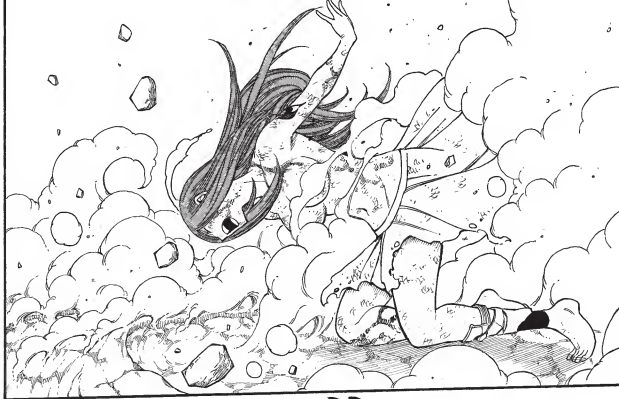
Dance,
my
blades
!!!!

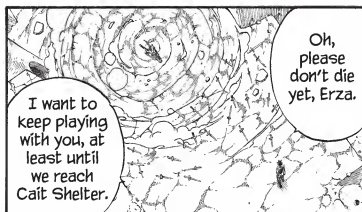


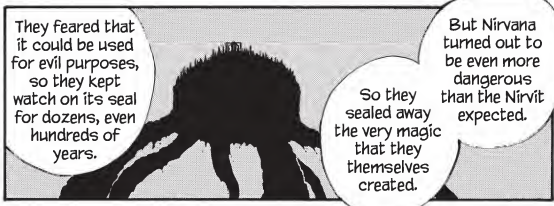
You thought
you could
overwhelm
me with
numbers?







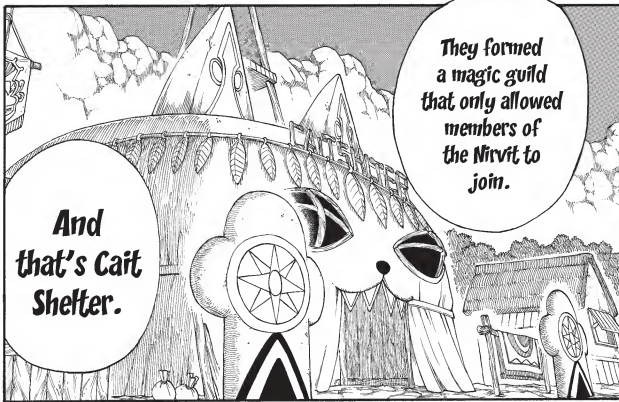




They feared that it could be used for evil purposes, so they kept watch on its seal for dozens, even hundreds of years.

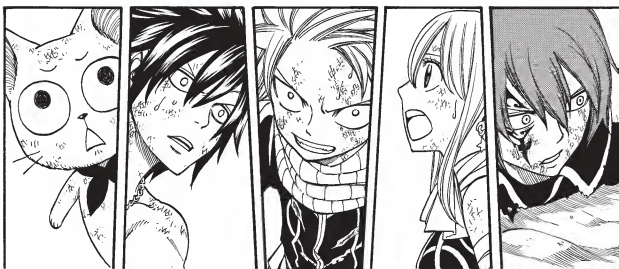
So they sealed away the very magic that they themselves created.

But Nirvana turned out to be even more dangerous than the Nirvit expected.



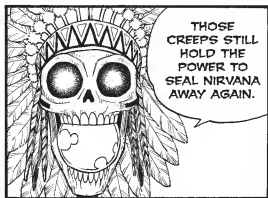
And that's Cait Shelter.

They formed a magic guild that only allowed members of the Nirvit to join.





SO THAT'S
WHY THEY
GOTTA BE
WIPE
OUT.

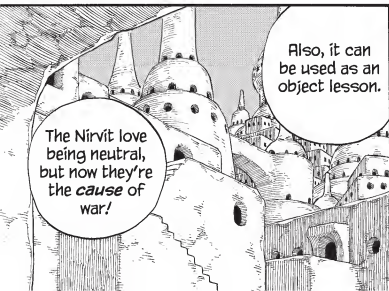


THOSE
CREEPS STILL
HOLD THE
POWER TO
SEAL NIRVANA
AWAY AGAIN.



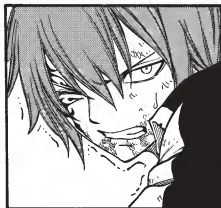
This is the
power that
can lead the
world down
the path to
chaos!

I mean,
putting such
a wonderful
power to sleep
again... That's
just not
right!



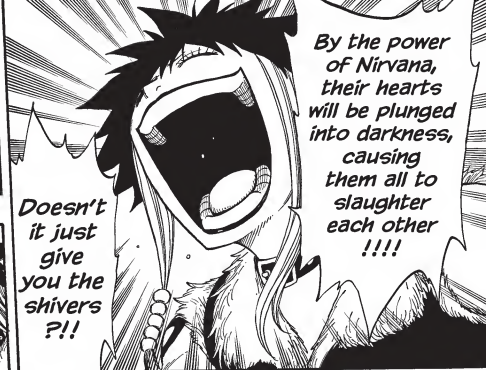
The Nirvit love
being neutral,
but now they're
the *cause* of
war!

Also, it can
be used as an
object lesson.





Doesn't it just give you the shivers ?!!



By the power of Nirvana, their hearts will be plunged into darkness, causing them all to slaughter each other !!!!



You're a dirty, ruinous, evil man.

Your soul is more steeped in darkness than mine!



Quit pretending to be so righteous, Jellal.



You murdered your friends ...



...and even attempted to murder Erza!

Yes, you are!

You took children and put them into forced labor!



N-No, I'm...



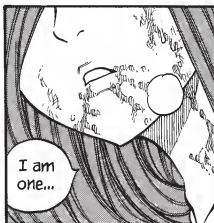
How many people have you shocked, frightened... and made to shed rivers of tears?

Can you even guess how many human beings you drove to despair?

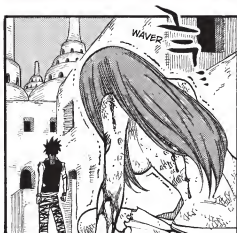


Come to me, Jellal!

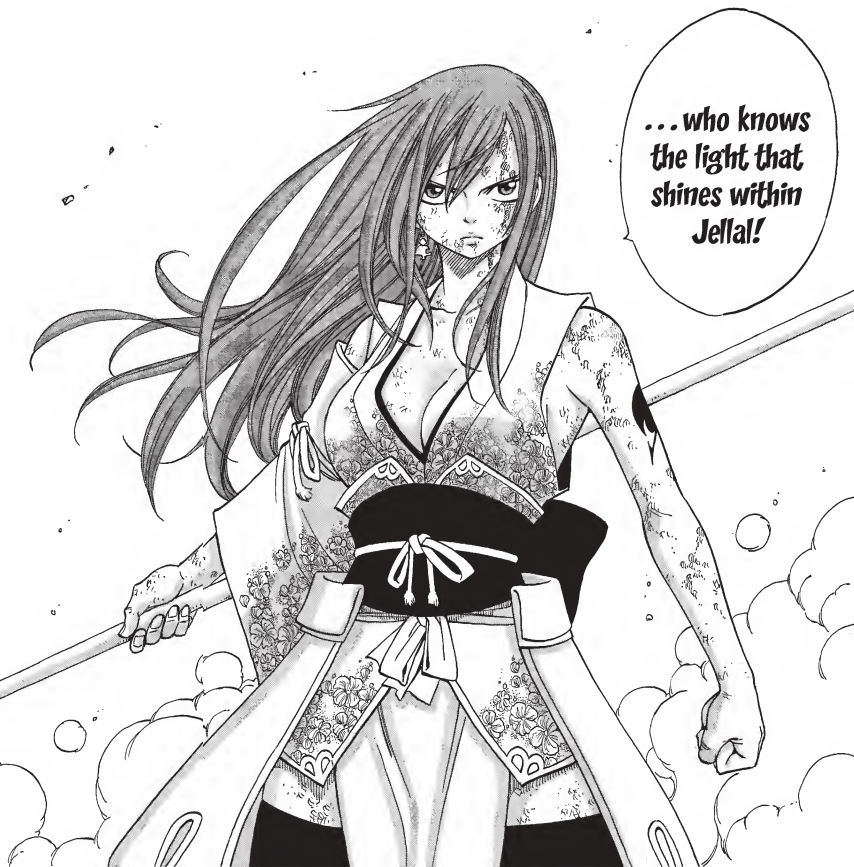
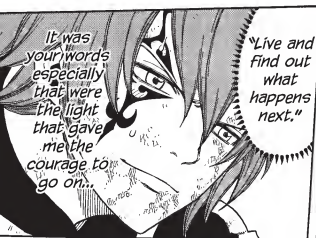
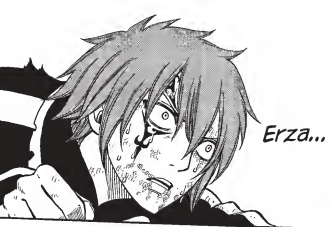
You are a perfect candidate for a new Oración Seis!



I am one...



WAVER





You're
worth the
effort it
will take to
crush you!

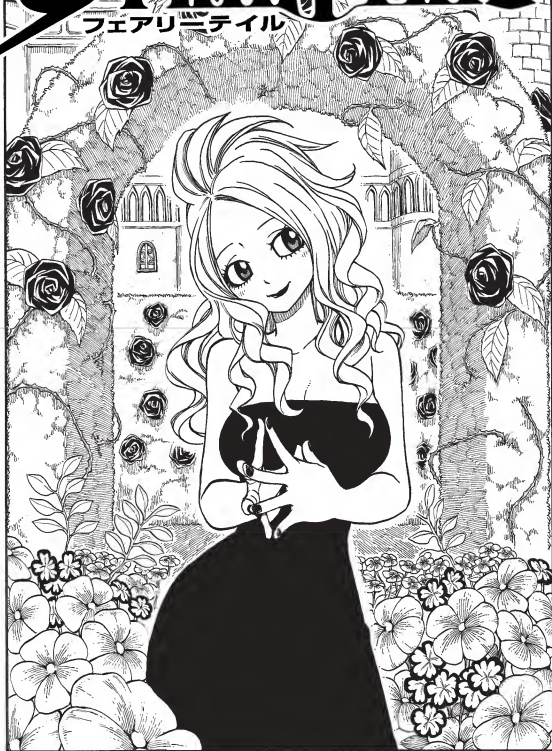


**Count
on it
!!!!**

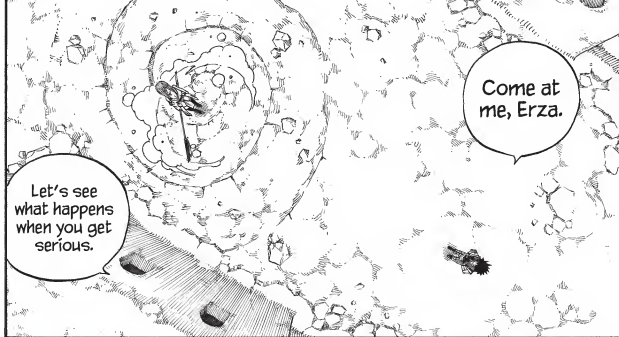
I will put a
stop to your
worthless
plans.

FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル



Chapter 155: Last Man



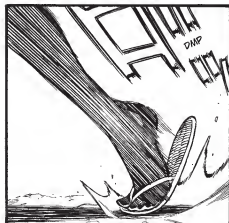
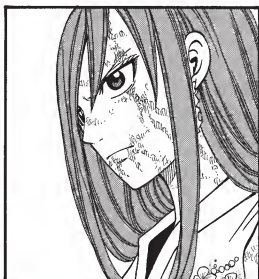
Let's see
what happens
when you get
serious.

Come at
me, Erza.



But even
still...

...you're
never going
to hit me
with any
attack.

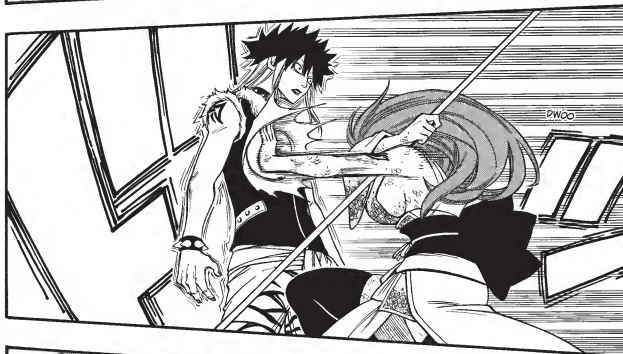
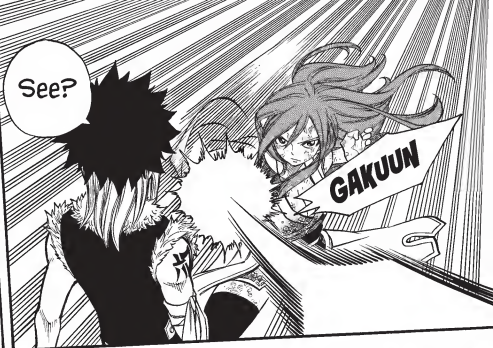


He's right...
His Reflector
magic can turn
back any
attack.

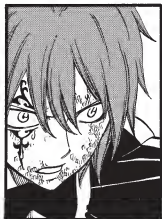
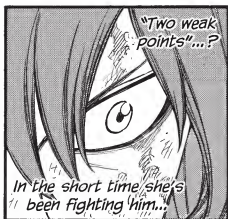


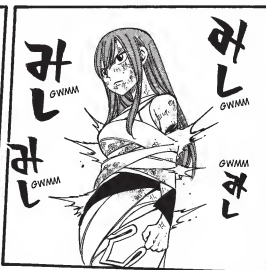
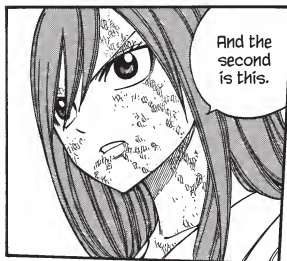
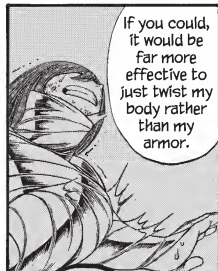
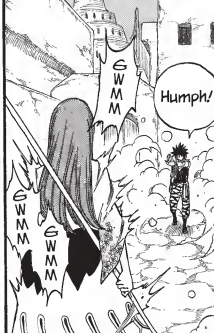
Move as fast as
you like. It won't
break through
my Reflector.











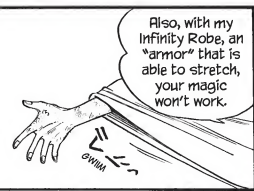




The area where
you are or the
area where
your enemy is.
Just one.

In other
words,
you can
only twist
space in one
particular
spot.

While you're
using your magic
on me, you can't
use Reflector on
your own area.



Also, with my
Infinity Robe, an
"armor" that is
able to stretch,
your magic
won't work.

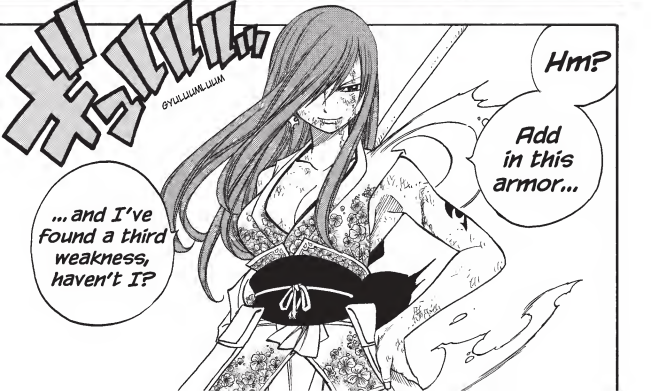


I
can't
be-
lieve
...

... she
could
observe
that...



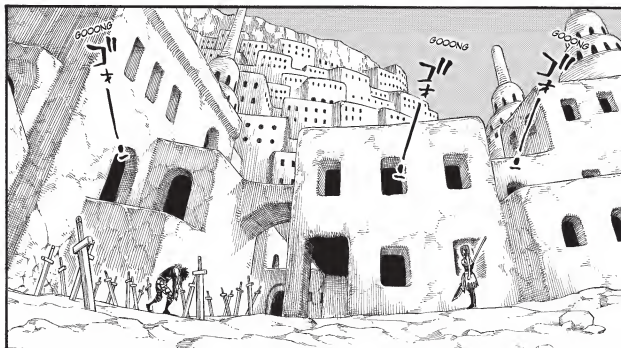
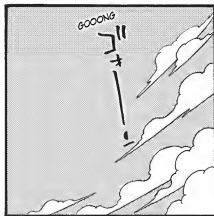
Ngah
...



...and I've
found a third
weakness,
haven't I?

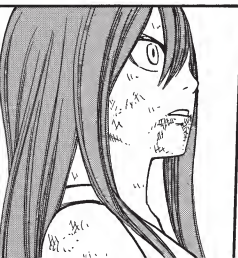
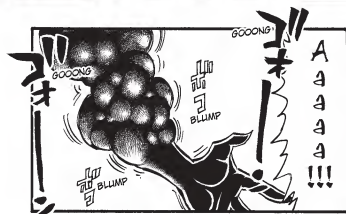
Hm?

Add
in this
armor...



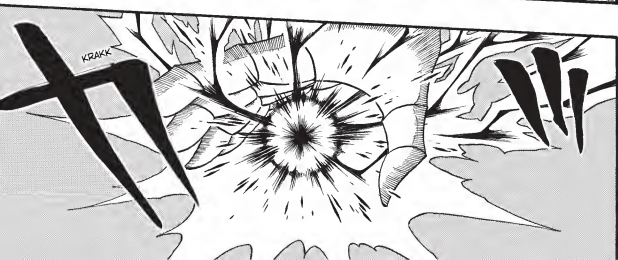
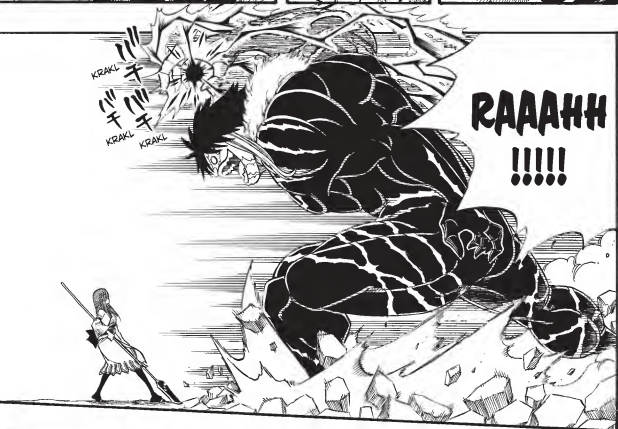
BWOBOBWOBOBWOBO

In the middle
of the night,
my twisting
reaches the
highest limits
possible!

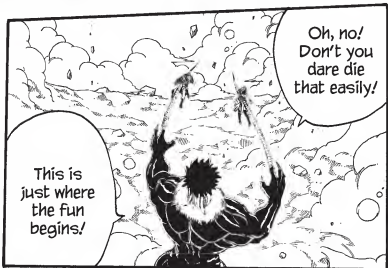




HA HA
HA HA
HA HA
HA HA
HA!!!!

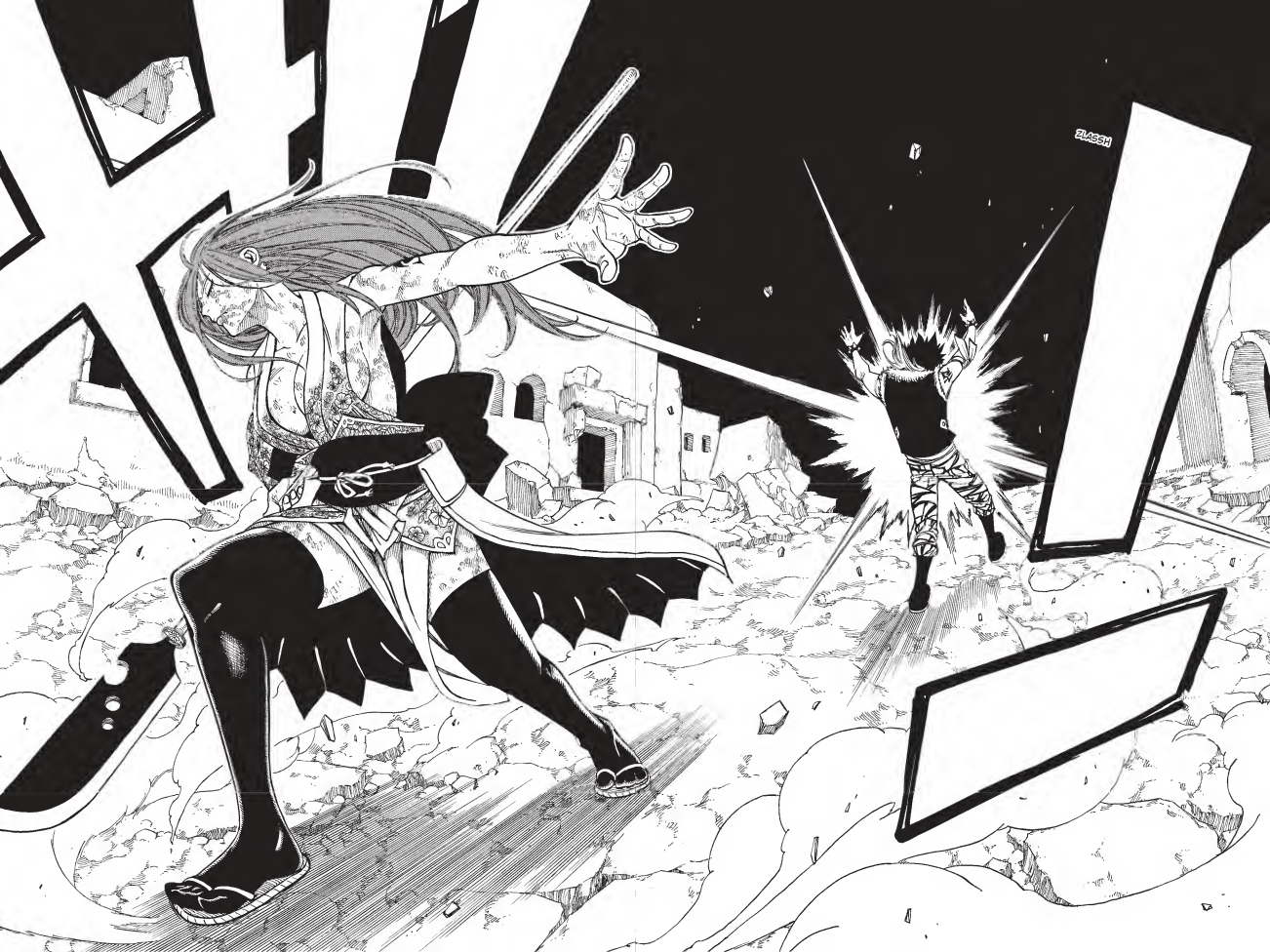


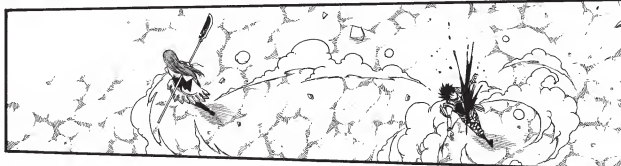
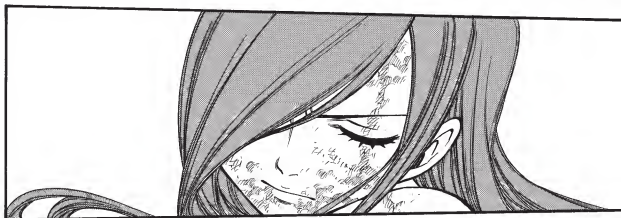




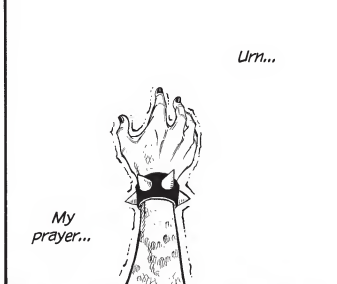
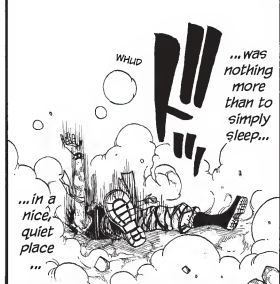
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
!!!







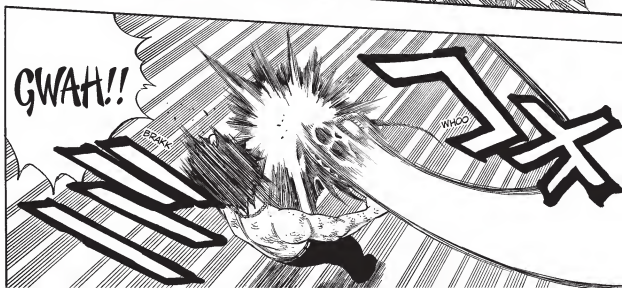


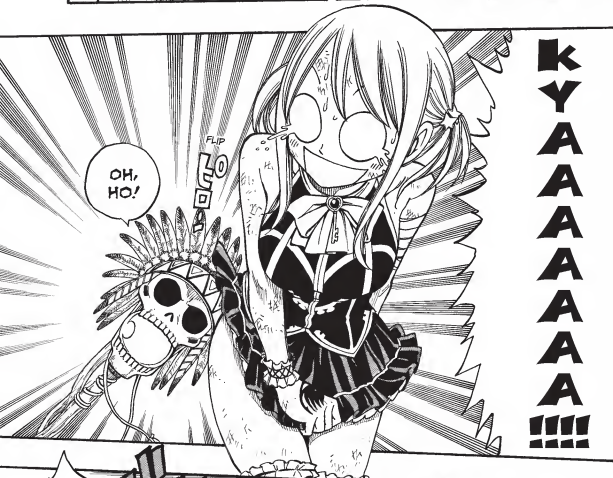
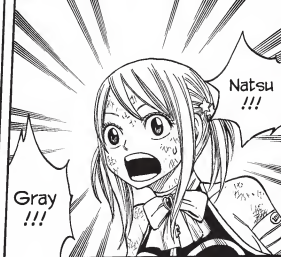
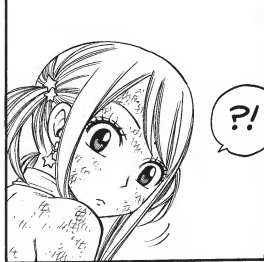


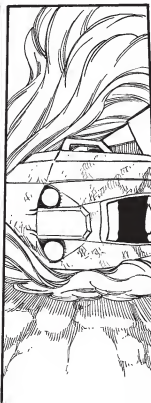
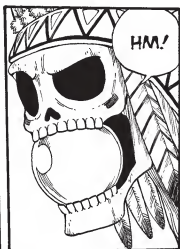
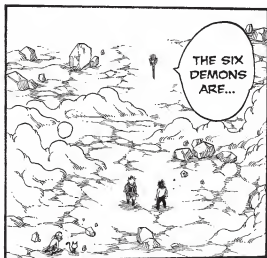
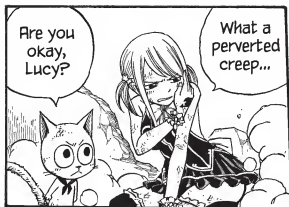
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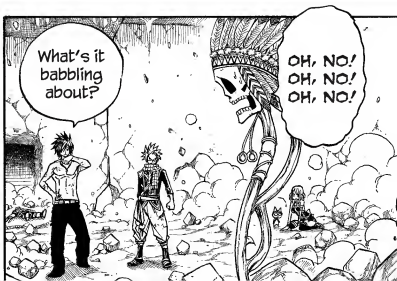
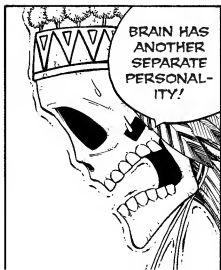


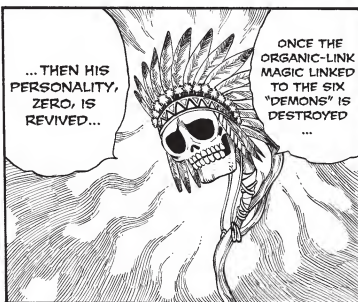
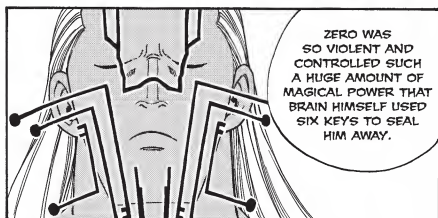
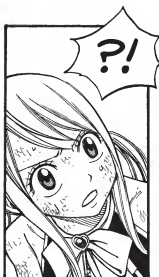
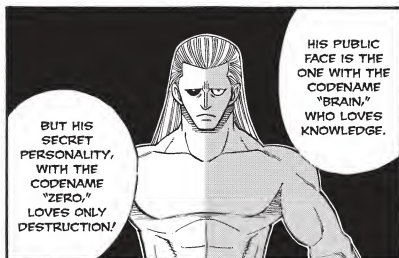
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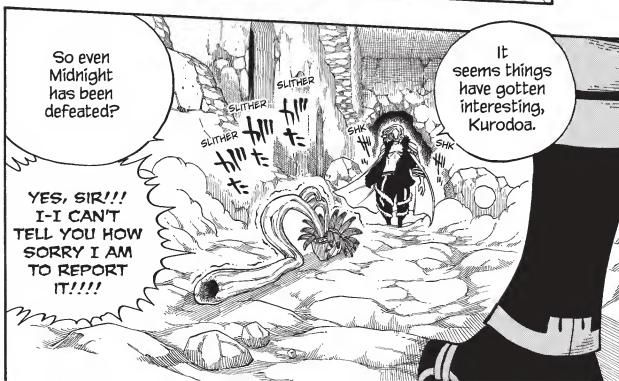
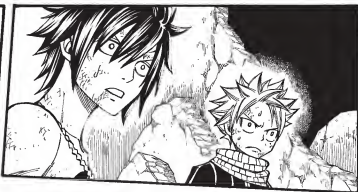
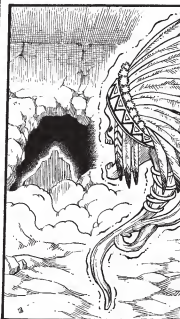




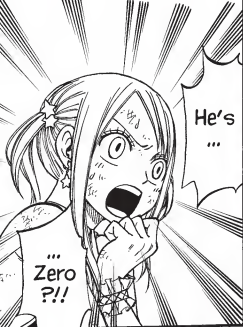




I-I
WELCOME
YOU BACK
!!!!

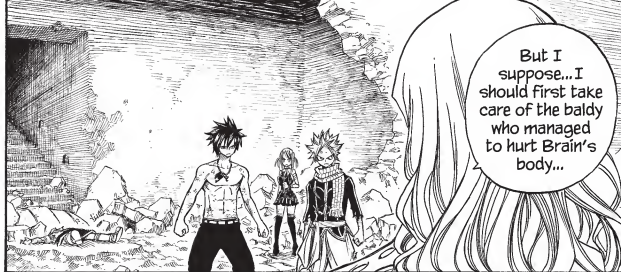






And as the
master,
I will now
draw the
line!

ORACIÓN SEIS
GUILD MASTER
ZERO



But I suppose... I should first take care of the baldy who managed to hurt Brain's body...



It doesn't make much difference whether my enemy can move or not.



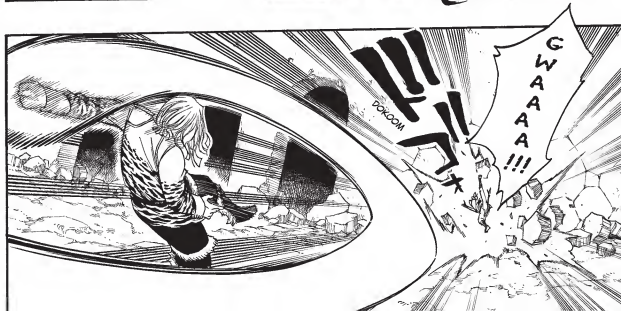
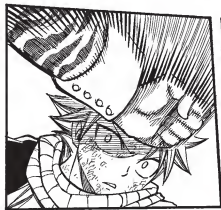
Are you gonna attack an enemy that can't fight back, you creep?!!!



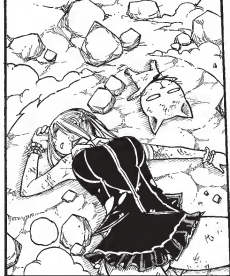
I'll eliminate him!



As long as it has form, I enjoy destroying it !!!!







EH?



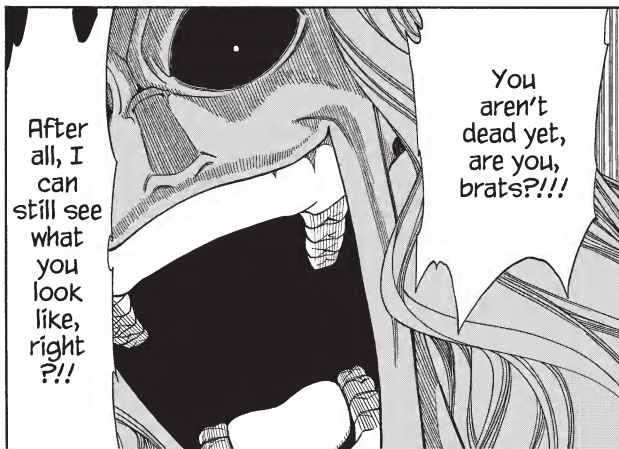
They
aren't
dead
yet.

YOU
FINISHED
OFF THOSE
PESTERING
BRATS SO
EASILY...



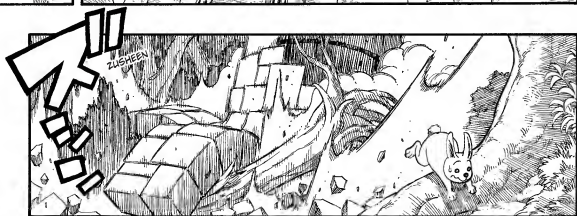
TH-
THAT'S
OUR
MASTER
ZERO FOR
YOU!!!!

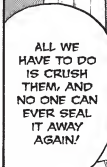
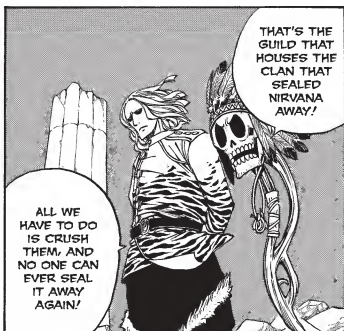
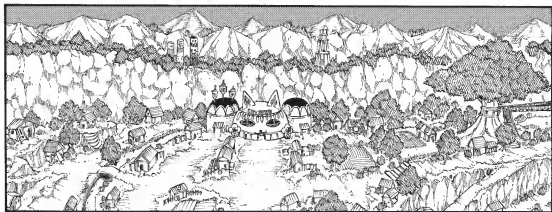
SO
EXTREME-
LY WELL
DONE!!!!

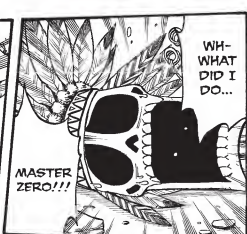


After
all, I
can
still see
what
you
look
like,
right
?!!

You
aren't
dead yet,
are you,
brats?!!!

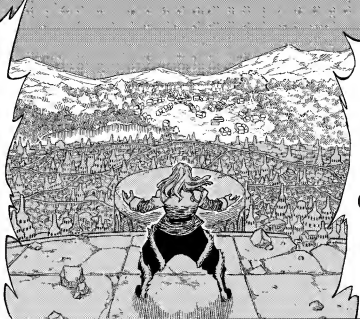






**It's solid,
and I can
see it!!!!
That's why
I want to
destroy
it!!!!**

**And
this is the
very first
shot!!!! I
don't need
a reason
!!!!**



**NIRVANA,
FIRE
!!!!**

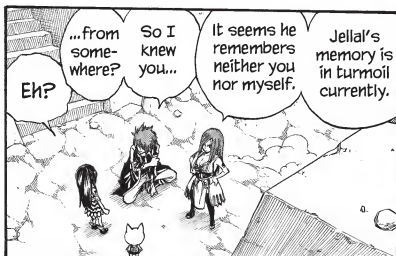


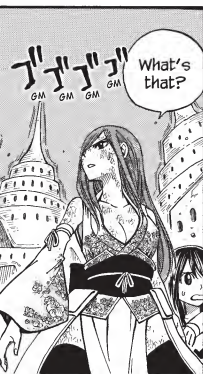
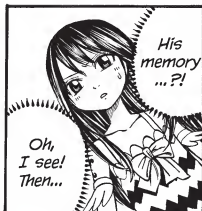
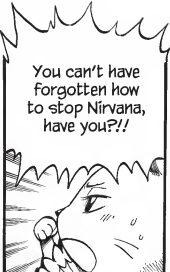
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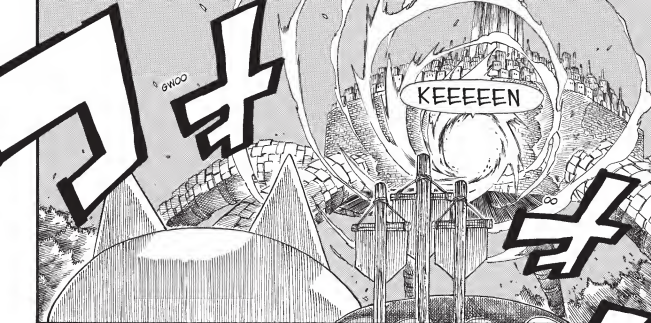
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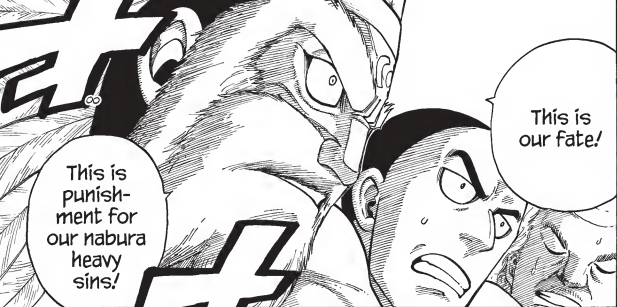


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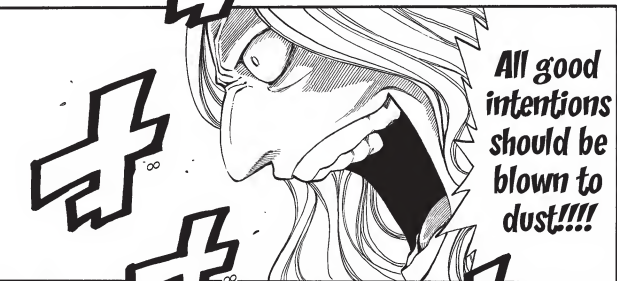




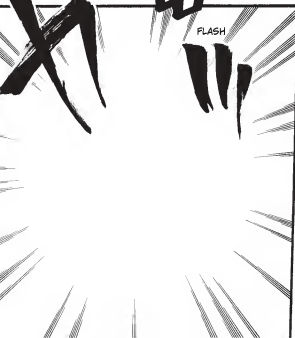


This is
punish-
ment for
our nabura
heavy
sins!

This is
our fate!



All good
intentions
should be
blown to
dust!!!!

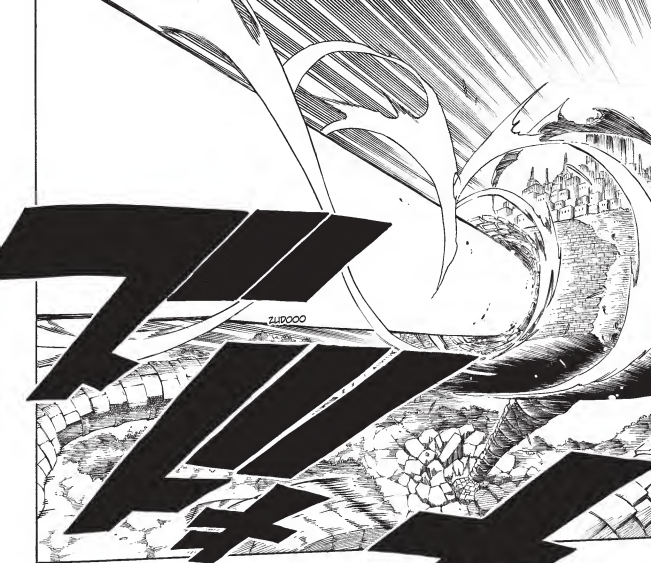


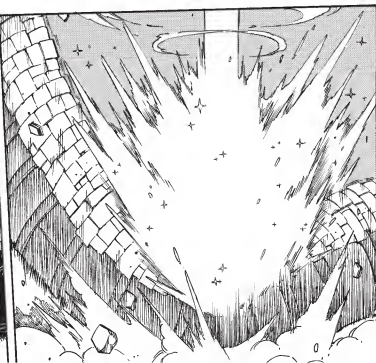
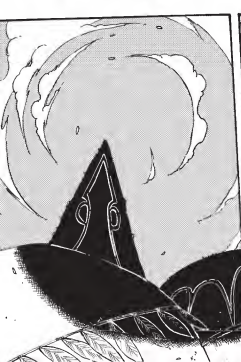
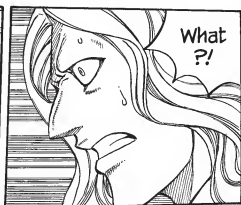
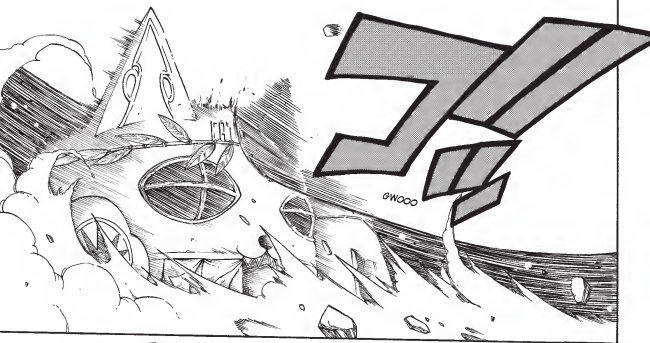
FLASH



NO,
DON'T
!!!!

Are you
saying that
Nirvana's
about to
fire?!!











IF YOU'RE
ALL RIGHT,
SEND ME A
REPLY!!!!

CAN
ANYONE
HEAR ME?!
ANYBODY
...



WENDY-
CHAN TOO!
YOU'RE
BOTH OKAY,
RIGHT?

ERZA-
SAN?



Is that
Hibiki?

Wow!



THE
WINGS WERE
BROKEN,
BUT WITH
LYON-KUN'S
MAGIC...

...AND SHERRY-
SAN'S DOLL ATTACK
MAGIC, AND REN'S
AIR MAGIC, WE
MANAGED TO GET
IT AFLOAT!

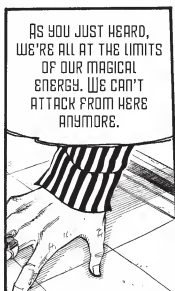
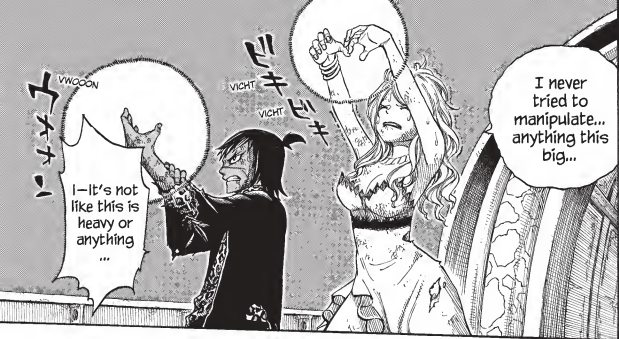


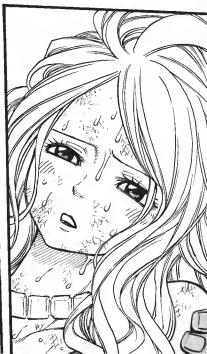
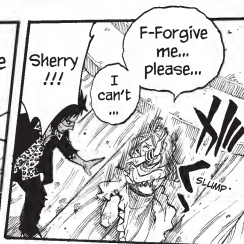
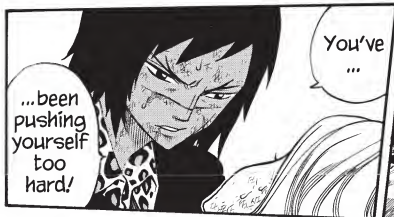
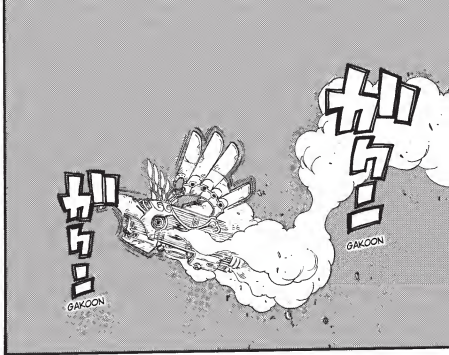
What's
going on?
I remember
Christina
came under a
fierce
attack...



I'm all
right too...
more or
less.

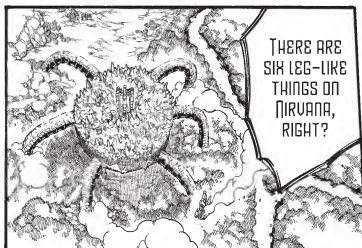
SEMPAI!!
THANK
GOODNESS!!



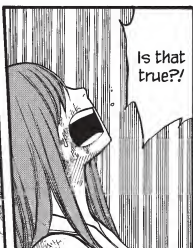




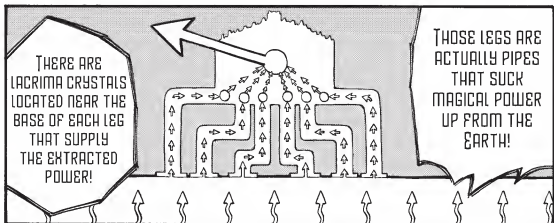
THE WAY
TO STOP
NIRVANA!!!!



THERE ARE
SIX LEG-LIKE
THINGS ON
NIRVANA,
RIGHT?



Is that
true?!



THERE ARE
LACRIMA CRYSTALS
LOCATED NEAR THE
BASE OF EACH LEG
THAT SUPPLY
THE EXTRACTED
POWER!

THOSE LEGS ARE
ACTUALLY PIPES
THAT SUCK
MAGICAL POWER
UP FROM THE
EARTH!

DOING IT ONE AT
A TIME WON'T
WORK! THERE ARE
OTHER LACRIMA
THAT WILL REPAIR
ANY DAMAGE TO
THEM!

A SIMULTANEOUS
STRIKE THAT
DESTROYS THEM
ALL AT ONCE SHOULD
STOP NIRVANA!



I'D LIKE TO
COORDINATE THE
TIMING FOR YOU,
BUT...I DON'T
THINK I CAN LAST
THAT LONG.

A simul-
taneous
strike?!
How?!

A WASTED
EFFORT...

PING

Twenty
minutes?

PING

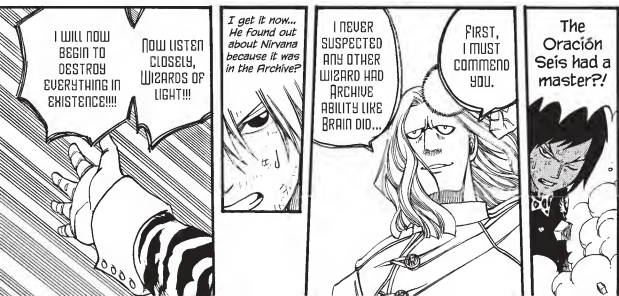
THAT'S JUST
PRIOR TO THE
NEXT CHARGE
OF NIRVANA'S
POWER.

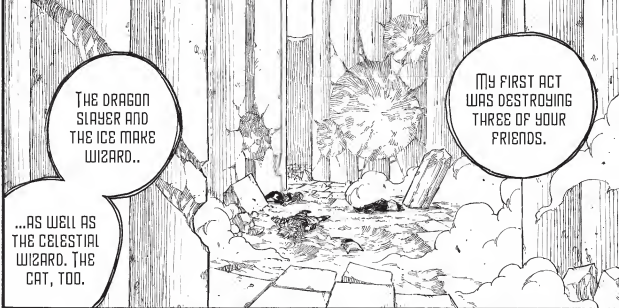
PING

PING

INSTEAD, I'LL
UPLOAD THE
TIMING TO YOUR
HEADS.

I KNOW YOU'LL
BE ABLE TO DO
IT!! I BELIEVE IN
YOU!!





THE DRAGON
SLAYER AND
THE ICE MAKE
WIZARD..

...AS WELL AS
THE CELESTIAL
WIZARD. THE
CAT, TOO.

MY FIRST ACT
WAS DESTROYING
THREE OF YOUR
FRIENDS.



YOU SAID
SOMETHING ABOUT
DESTROYING THE
LACRIMA IN A
SIMULTANEOUS
ATTACK?



.....

You're
lying!!!



NATSU'S
GROUP...?!



VEEN

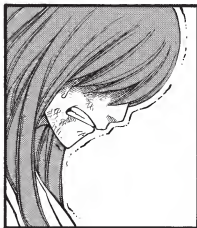


WA HA HA HA
HA!!!! AND AS LONG
AS I'M HERE, YOU
WILL NEVER BE
ABLE TO DESTROY
THEM ALL AT
ONCE!!!!

I AM IN FRONT
OF ONE OF
THOSE LACRIMA
RIGHT NOW!



YOU HAVE A
ONE-IN-SIX CHANCE
OF FINDING THE
LACRIMA WHERE
ZERO IS, AND IT'S
OBVIOUS THAT NO
ONE BUT ERZA IS A
MATCH FOR HIM.



My telepathic
connection to
Zero has been
cut off...



Aren't
there any
others
out there
who can
func-
tion?!!



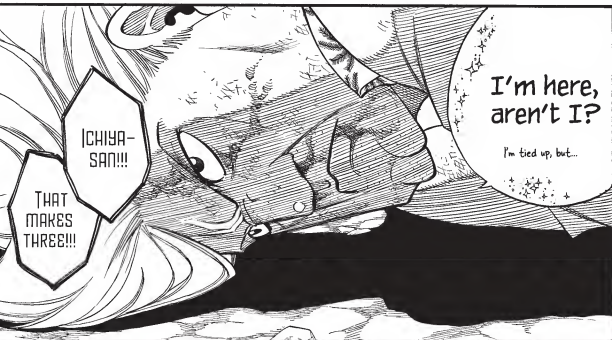
I-I don't
have any
destructive
magic... I'm
sorry...

?!!



We
don't...
even have
six...!!

We don't have
six wizards to
take out the
lacrima!!!!



I'm here,
aren't I?

I'm tied up, but...

!CHIIYA-
SAN!!!

THAT
MAKES
THREE!!!



Gray ...

Stand up now...

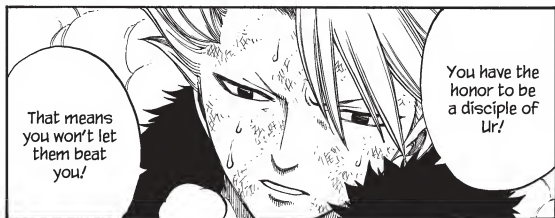


We need three more!
Somebody out there respond!!!



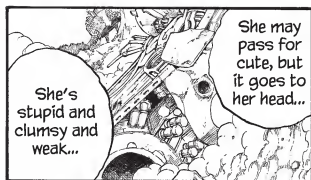
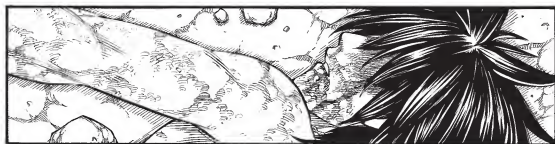
THIS IS BAD... MY MAGIC...AND... TELEPATHY IS ALREADY...

HAHH
HAHH



That means you won't let them beat you!

You have the honor to be a disciple of Ur!

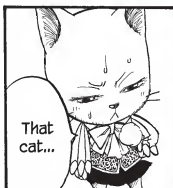


She's stupid and clumsy and weak...

She may pass for cute, but it goes to her head...



I... really hate Lucy...

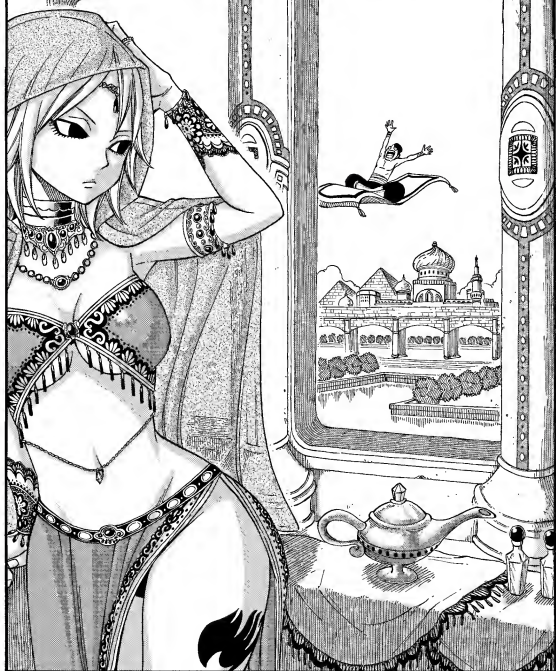


*Yeah,
we hear
ya!!!!*

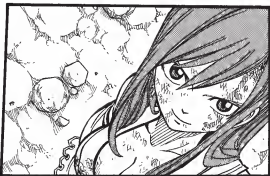
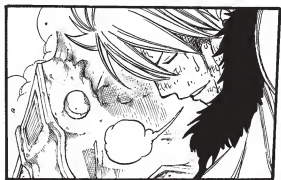
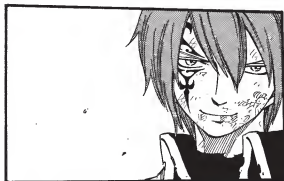
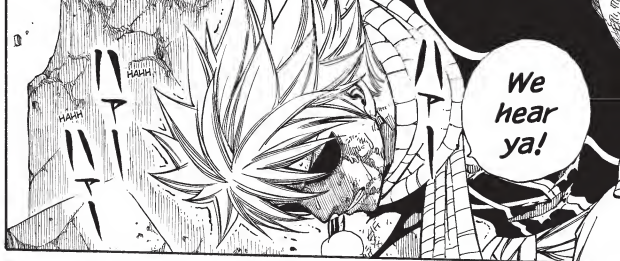


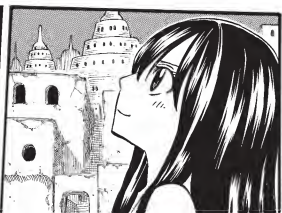
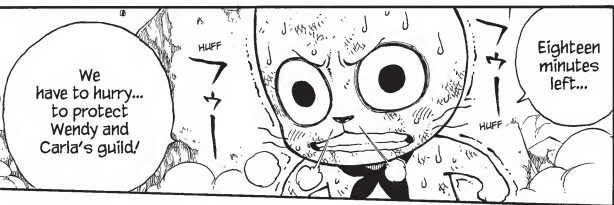
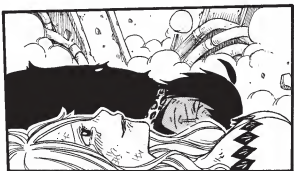
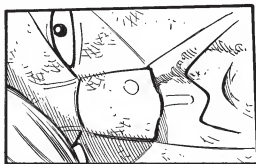
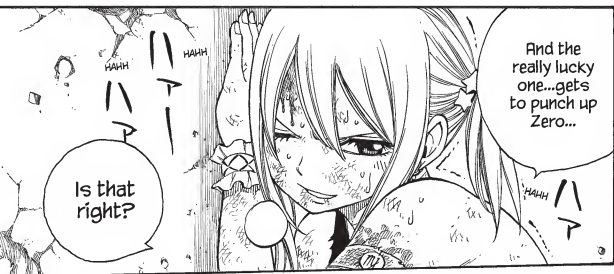
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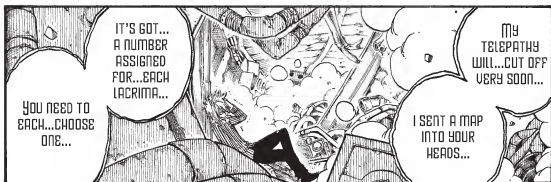
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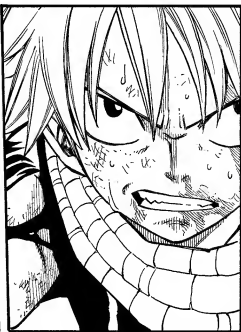
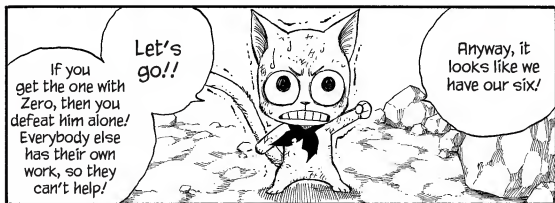
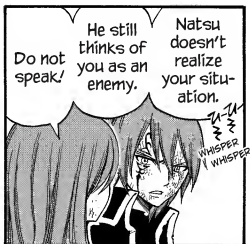
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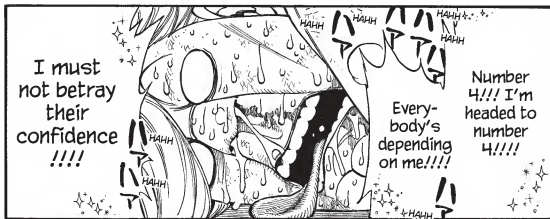
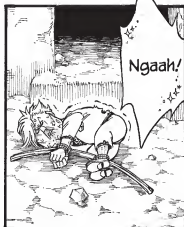
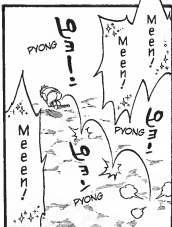
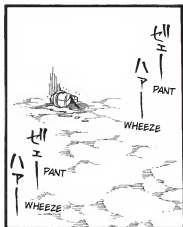


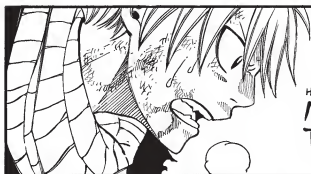
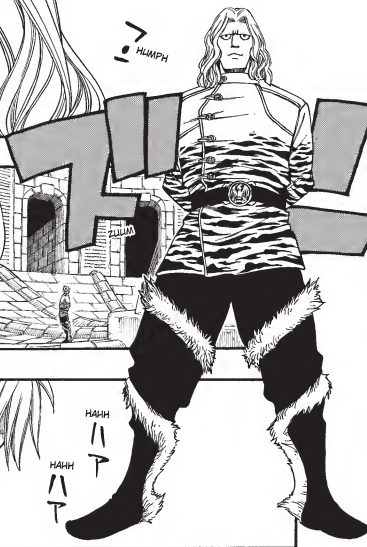
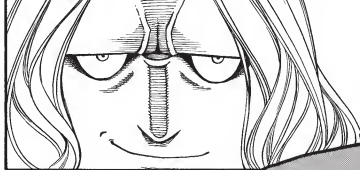












HAHH
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HAHH
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P





You or
me...
We're
gonna
find
out...

...
which
one
breaks
first!



He probably
picked 1
knowing Zero
was there.

He has
a good
nose.

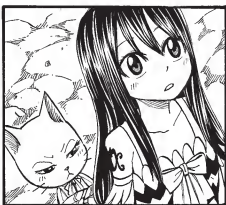


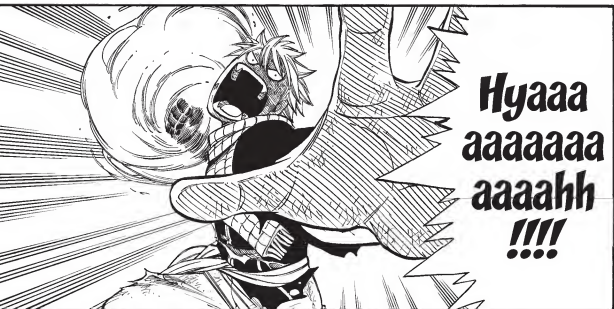
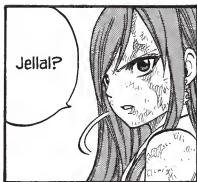
You mean
where
Natsu
is?!!

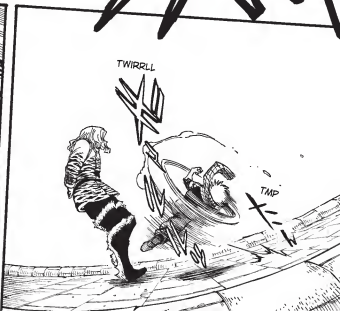
?!!

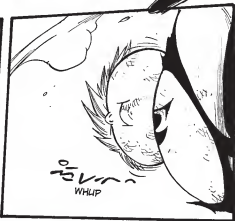
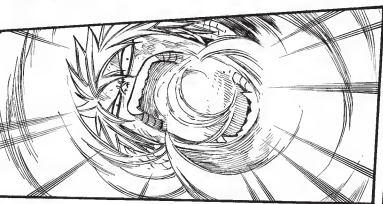
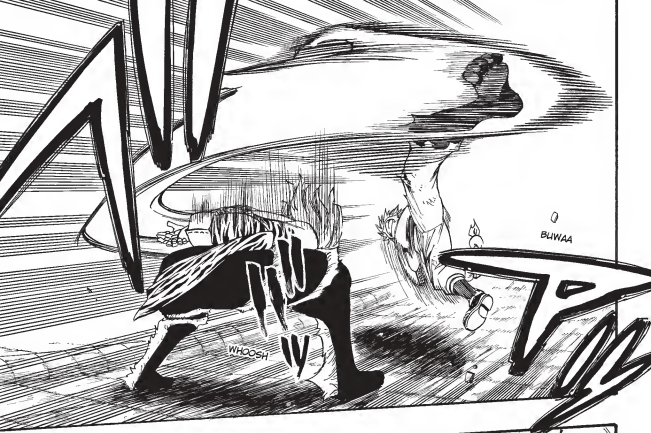
I would
expect Zero
to be at
number 1.

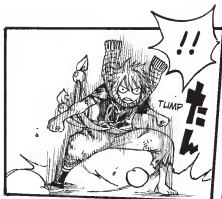




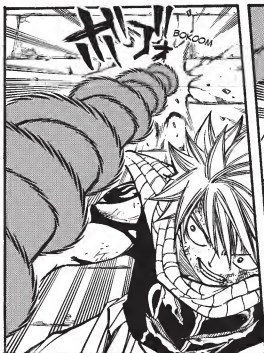
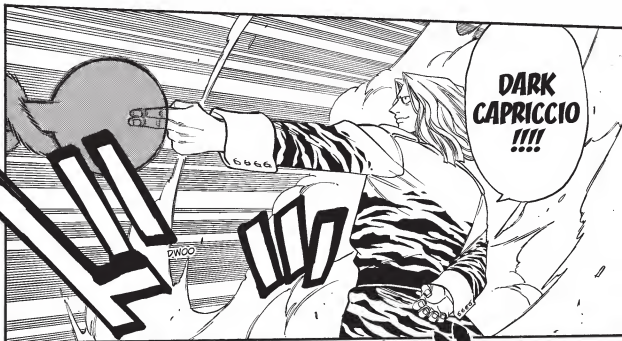


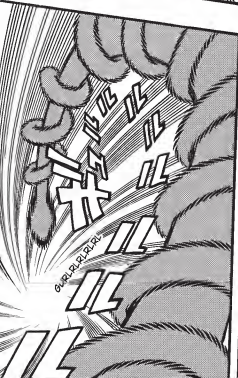
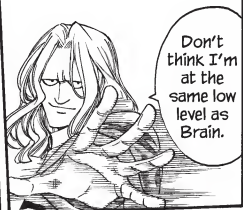


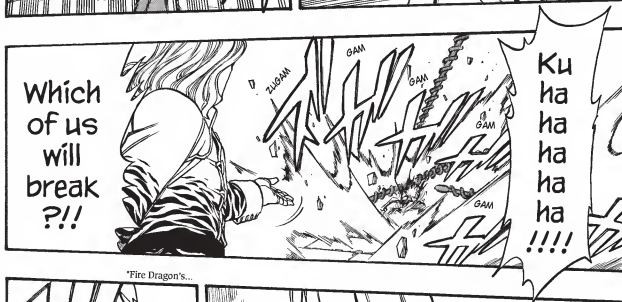
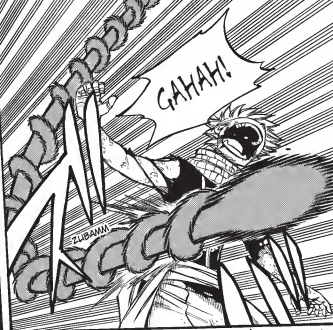
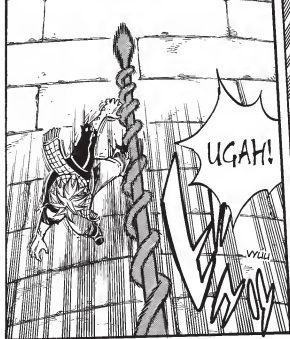




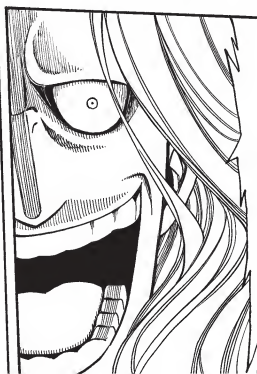
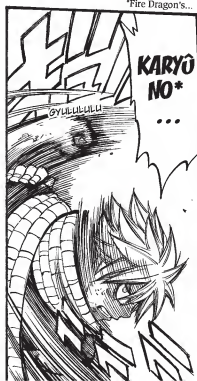
You're
more
nimble
now than
before.







*Fire Dragon's...

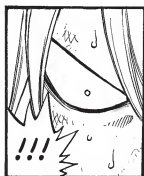
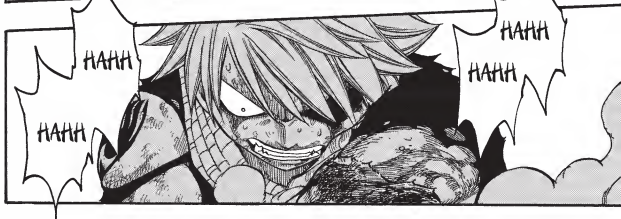
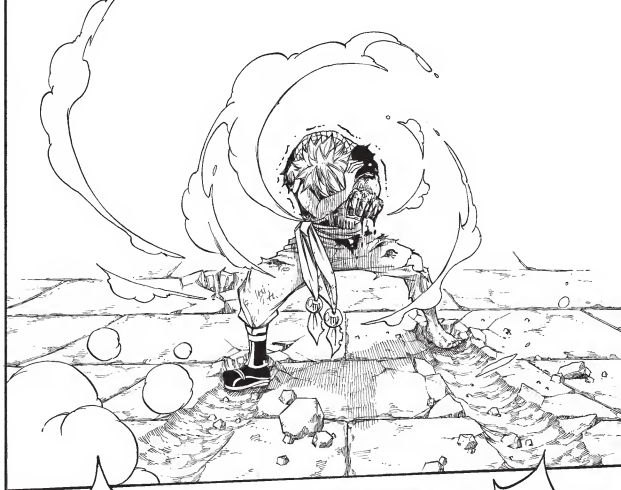


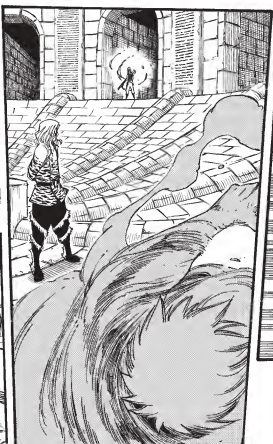
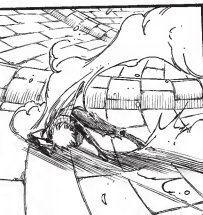
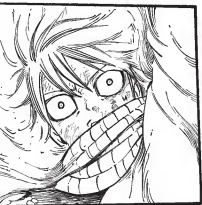
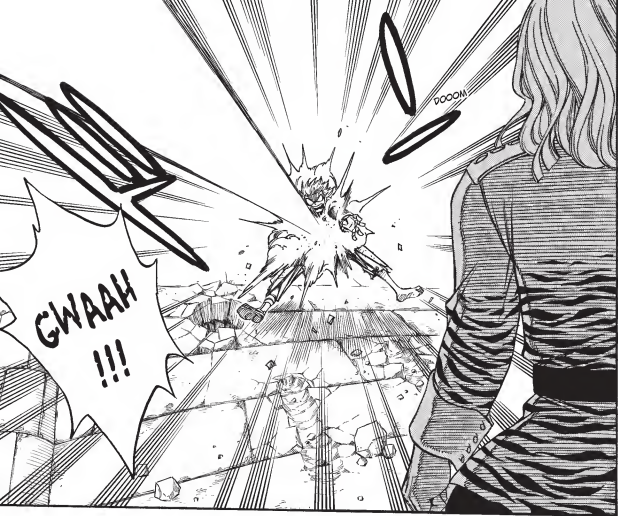
You're the one to break, of course !!!!

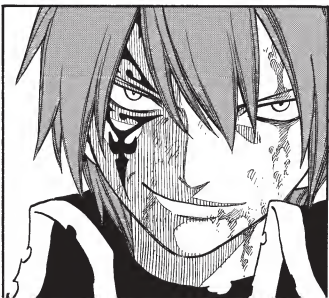


*...Iron Fist!!!







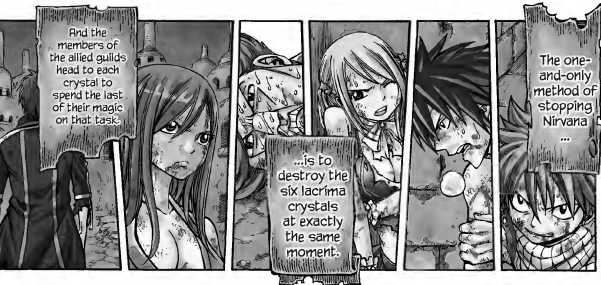




...
is pointed
directly at
the Cait
Shelter
guild.

The barrel
of Nirvana, a
super-reversal
magic that
can steep
people's
hearts in
evil...

FAIRY TAIL
2004-2010



And the
members of
the allied guilds
head to each
crystal to
spend the last
of their magic
on that task.

...is to
destroy the
six lacrima
crystals
at exactly
the same
moment.

The one-
and-only
method of
stopping
Nirvana
...

Only twelve
minutes
remain before
the lacrima
must be
destroyed.

However, in
front of one of
those crystals
stands Zero,
Master of the
Oración Seis.



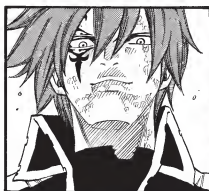
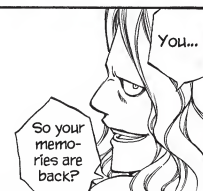
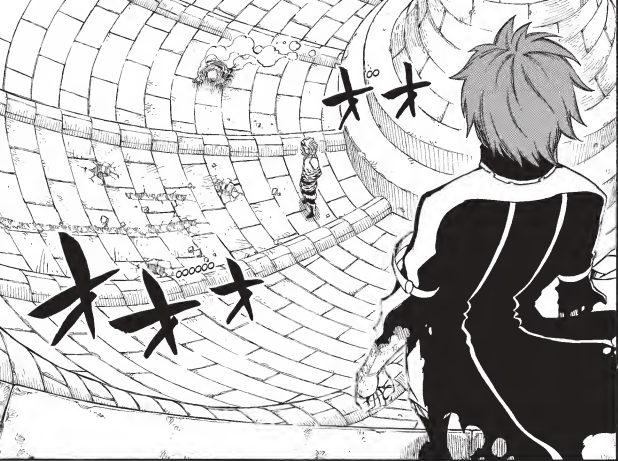
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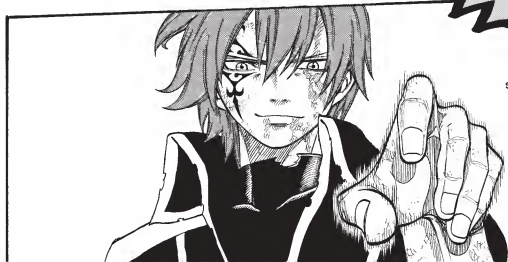


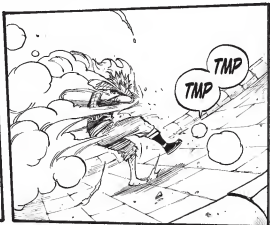
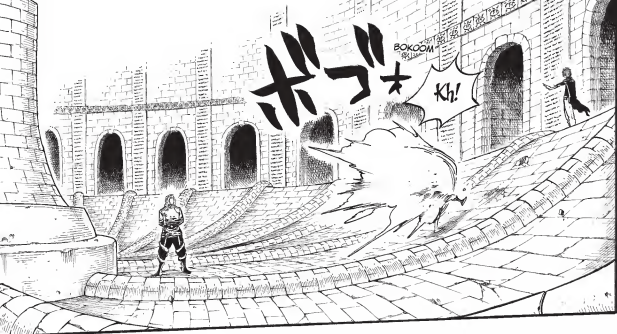
Chapter 159: The Flame of Guilt



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...regarding
the hope by
the name of
"Natsu."



Your magic
powers are in-
creased through
the power of
flame.

You are
a fire
dragon
slayer.



Huh
?

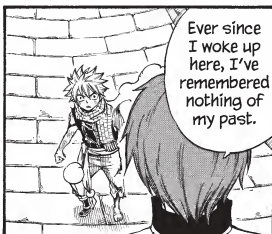


What
?!



...of
flame...

The
power...



DOKAAM

**Don't
give me
that crap
!!!!**

**Why are you
pretending
to be an ally,
you jerk?!!!**

**You're
saying
you forgot
that?!!!**

**Not
Erza's
tears
!!!!**

**Well, I
didn't
forget
!!!!**

**Just
accept
the fire
I give
you...**

**Please...
Natsu...**



**You
made
Erza
cry
!!!!**

If you insist
on fighting
amongst your-
selves, take it
elsewhere.

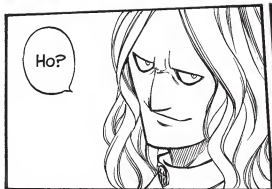


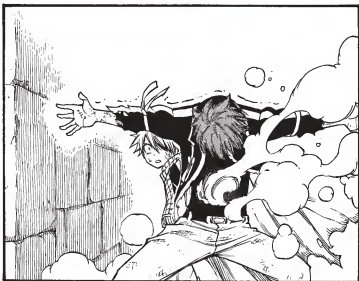
This is
sad.

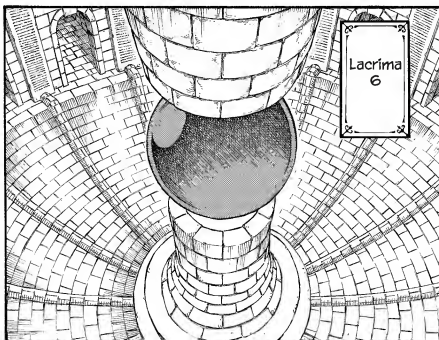


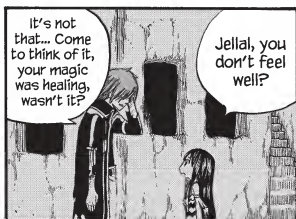
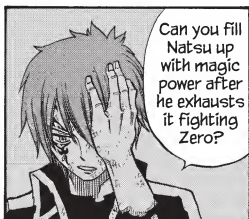
You
irritate
me!!!

DOGDOOM









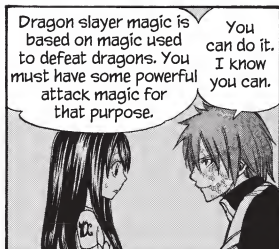


*The
power
of
hope!*

...the
unlimited
power
Natsu
has...



I remem-
bered...



Dragon slayer magic is
based on magic used
to defeat dragons. You
must have some powerful
attack magic for
that purpose.

You
can do it.
I know
you can.



But...
I...

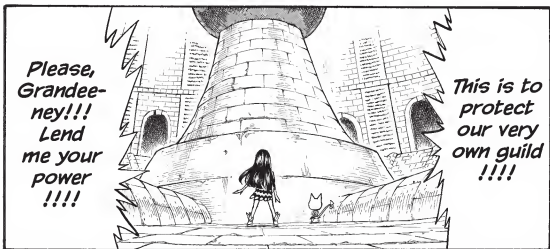
You go to
number six
in my place
and destroy
it, please.



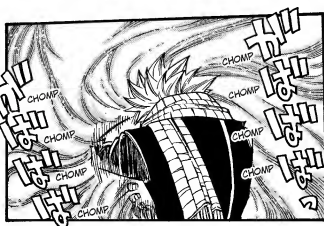
*For within
you lies the
power of a
dragon!*

*Consume
the air...
No, the
sky...
Consume
the
heavens*

...

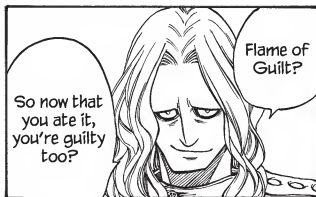






*You
served it
up, and I
ate it...*

...
Jellal!

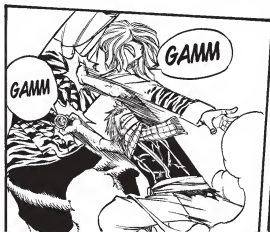




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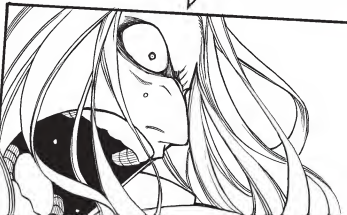
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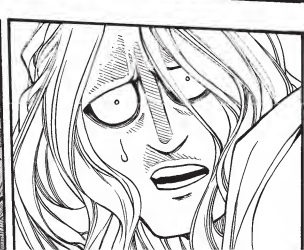
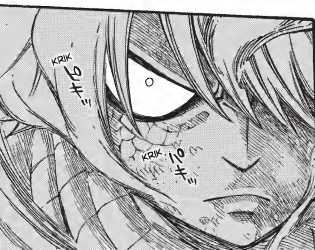
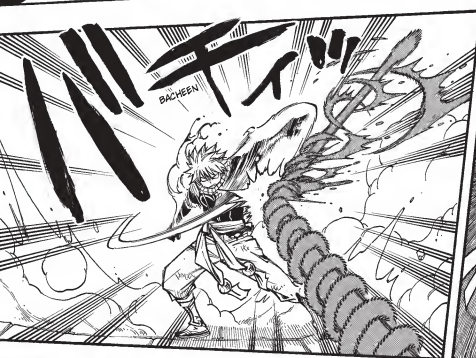
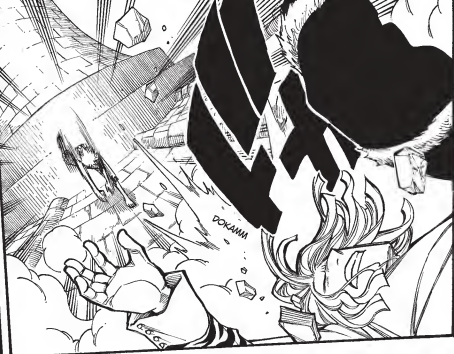
To
not be
trusted
by any-
one any-
more
!!!!



GAMM

GAMM





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バキッ

...is the
dragon
force?!!!

Th-This
light...

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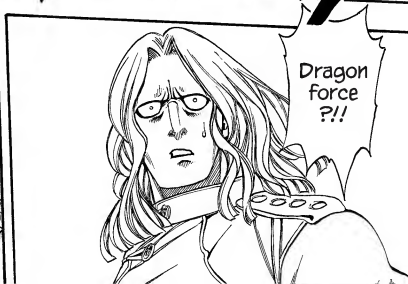
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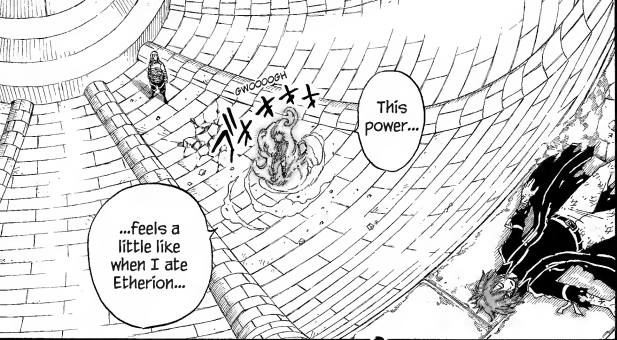
Chapter 160: The Power of Emotion

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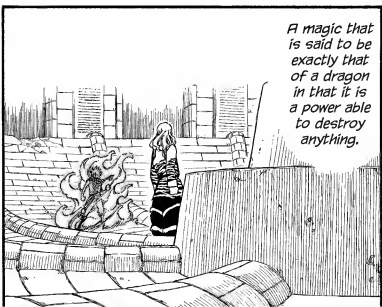
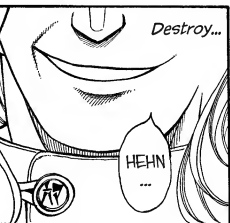
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Dragon
force
?!!



*Is this
the final
form of
dragon
slayer
magic?!!*





Fascinating.



Then come...

...power
of the
dragon!

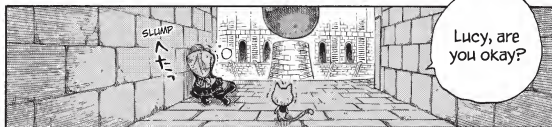


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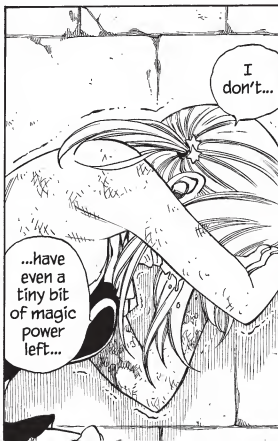
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!!!!*

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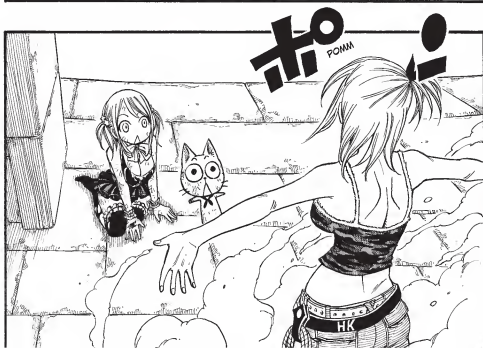
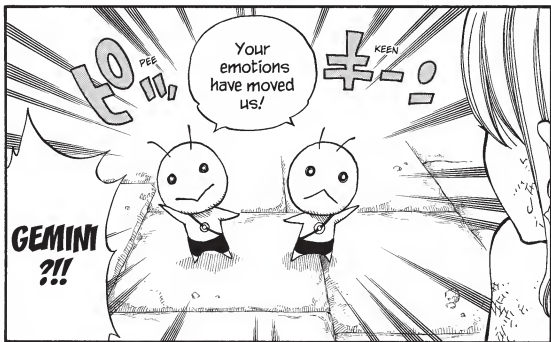
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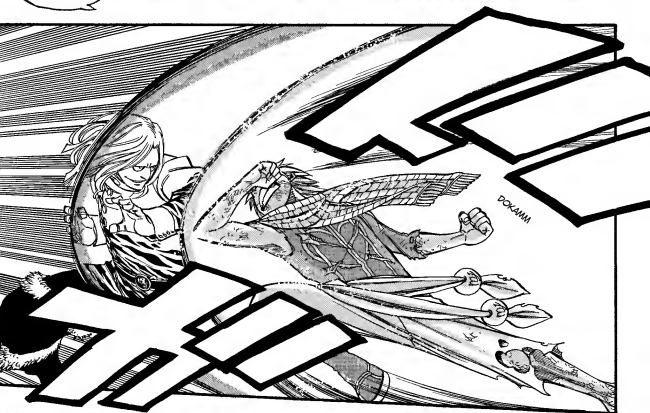
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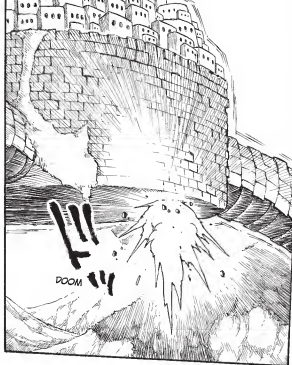


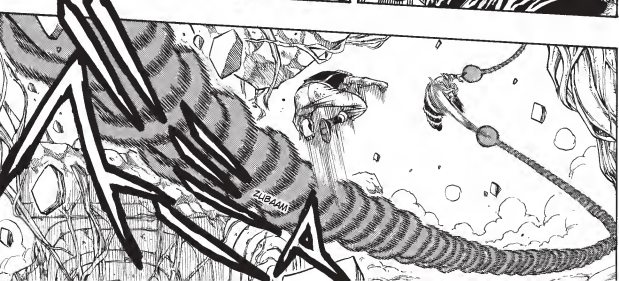
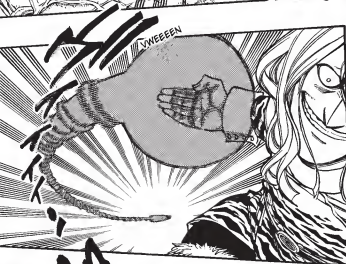
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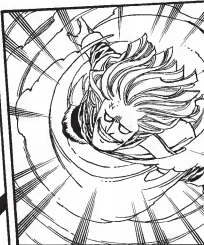
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that I
couldn't
do it.



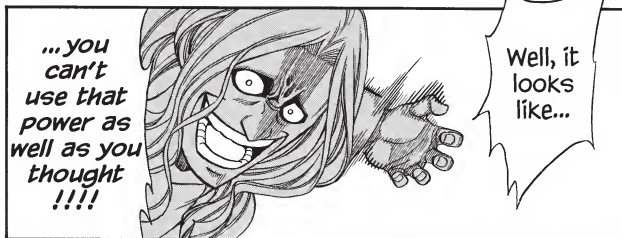


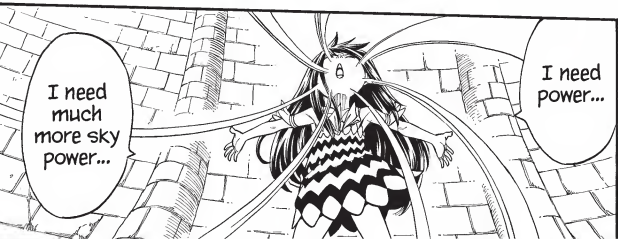
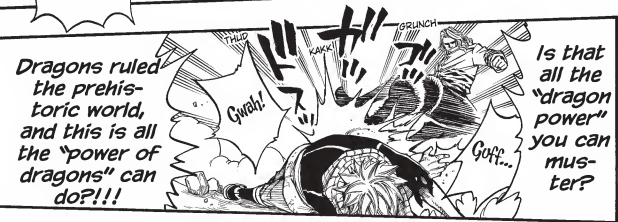
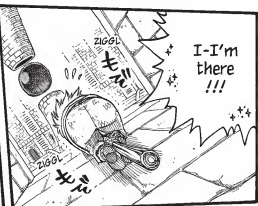


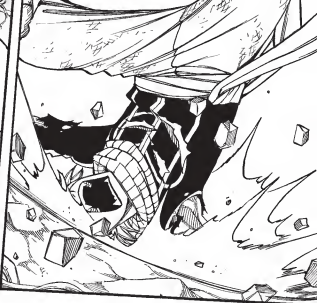


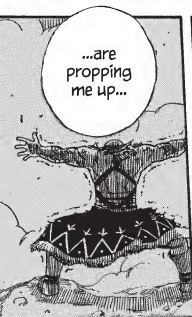












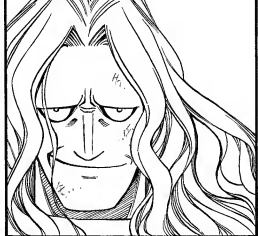
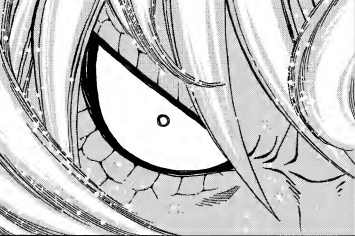


The
power
of my
friends

...

...is
coursing
through
my body
!!!!

+



That
is my
greatest
magic.

I'll give you
the best of
nothingness.



You know,
it's almost a
shame to turn
you into dust,
but if I
must...

It's
been
fun.



**DRAGON
SLAYER
SECRET
ATTACK**

...



**GENESIS
ZERO
!!!!**

**GUREN
BAKUEN-
JIN
!!!!***

**A
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Vanish

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**...into the
depths of
nothing-
ness!**

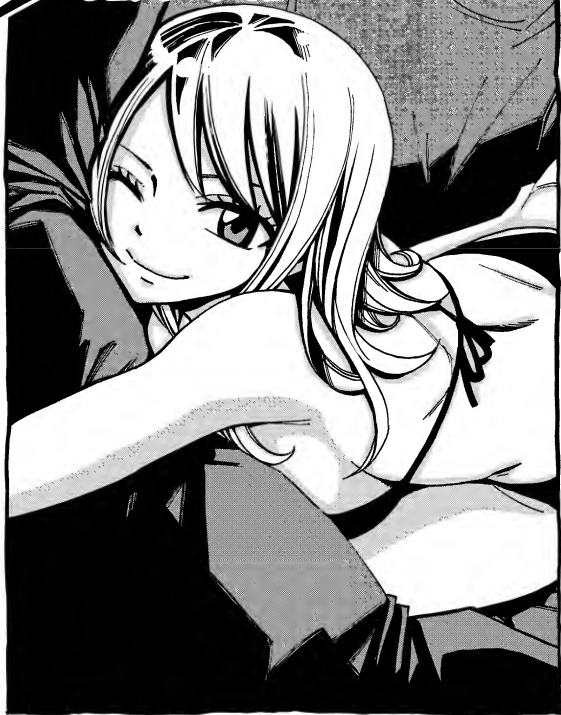


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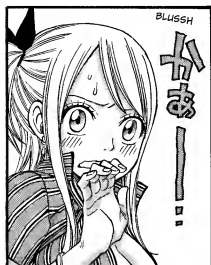
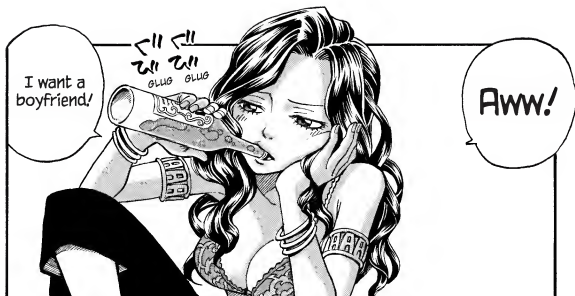
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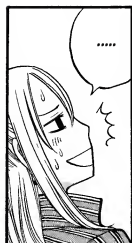
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Side
Story



The Day of the Fateful Encounter







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plot twists from
a novel?

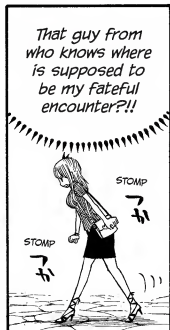
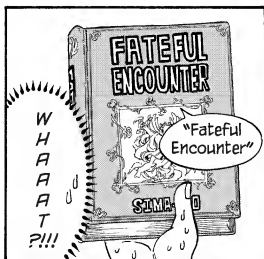


And somebody
will reach for
the very same
book...like
that huh?

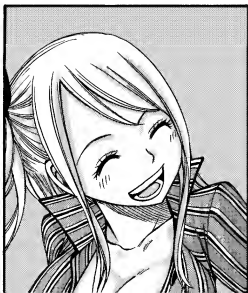
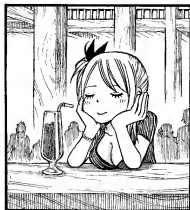
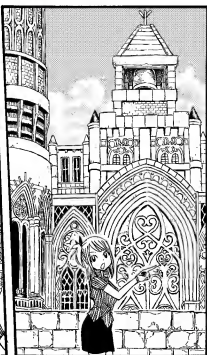
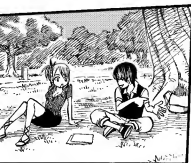
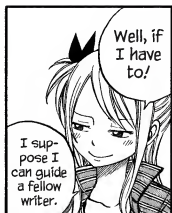


Like I'm
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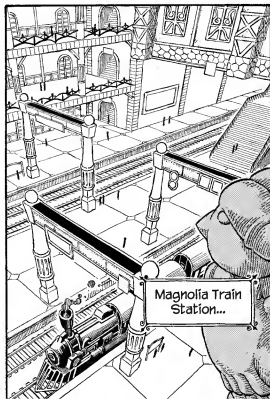
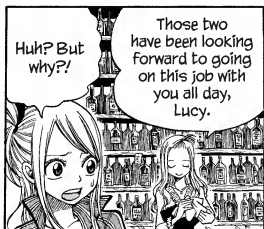
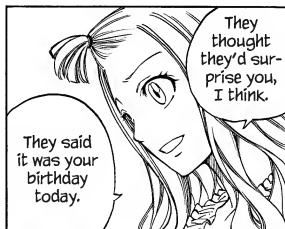














★The End★

Afterword

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My room's a mess... I know it's been written about in places before, but there are really people out there who can't clean up. Um...me, for instance. Every two to three months, I get the entire staff to help out, and we do a grand cleaning of our workplace. And it's about then that I think, "This time, I'll make sure the place doesn't get cluttered up!!" But before I know it, there's stuff all over the place, and it looks like a wreck again. Of course I like it better when it's clean, but there are reference materials and drawing implements... I always want to put them someplace close where I can get my hands on them quickly, and before I know it, it's chaos around my desk... And it was in that awful state that I suddenly had a guest come by!! I was so embarrassed, and I felt bad for the guest, so I bowed and bowed, apologizing! Arrgh! Well next time, it won't get cluttered!!

On a different subject, a while ago, I wrote about how I got a new paint tool program for my computer, and I've been studying it ever since. But then I thought I'd try out a different one, and I decided to try to color it in Photoshop this time. Once I tried it, I have to say that PS is a pretty fantastic paint tool with a different flavor all its own! Of course I'm still studying the program I've been using for years, Painter. Hm... I wonder if somebody can teach these to me. Studying on my own is a pretty painful process...



At the Fairy Tail Counter



: Oh... Heavy!



: Lucy! Over here! Over here!

Lucy: This box... What's inside it?

Mira: It's letters from the readers with their questions, of course!



: Th-That many...?!!

Mira: Well, this manga still has plenty of places to complain about!



: Say, "Mysteries," okay?!!

Mira: Now let's take a look at the first question.

If Racer only slows everything down within a certain area, wouldn't Gray's arrow get slowed when it enters the area too?



: What? *Another* Racer question?



: We do get a lot of questions about this.

Lucy: Well, it does seem strange!! Racer might have been able to avoid the arrow!

Mira: Subjective speed is the point here. By subjective, I mean the speed your body feels it to be.

Lucy: Aye?

Mira: So it isn't that Lyon or Gray were really going that slowly. It's that they were made to think that Racer was incredibly fast! And that was just a mistake they initially made.

Lucy: Yes, yes...

Mira: And so, since a physical object such as an arrow has no thoughts to trick, the magic had no effect on it.



: I think I see... But I empathize. It must be very hard trying to make these mistakes seem consistent.



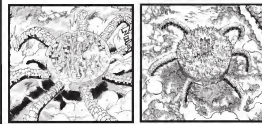
: You know you're not supposed to say that!

Lucy: Next question.

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Continued from the left-hand page.

Nirvana's leg-like things... Did they go from 8 legs to 6? (sweat)



Mira:

Lucy:



: Um... About that...



: I'm impressed, Mira-san! You're going to try to explain that one?



: While it was walking, two legs, like, fell off? Maybe?



: Well, *that* wouldn't happen!!!!

Mira: Yes, that must be it! Let's just stick with that!

Lucy: Okay, how about this? It needed to get to Cait Shelter as quickly as possible, so it transformed its *shape*, removing two legs!

Mira: On to the last question!

Lucy: Wait a second!!!!

It seems to me that there is absolutely no family resemblance between Brain and Midnight.



Mira: Oh, that...



: What's the matter, Mira-san?

Mira: You see, there's a bit of conceptual stuff here that never made it into the actual story.

Lucy: Ehh?!!

Mira: A lot happened in between, and it got cut, but the Oración Seis were originally supposed to have been children that Brain led out of the Tower of Heaven.

Lucy: Ehh?!!

Mira: They were supposed to be five children of extraordinary magical talent that he banded together and raised.

Lucy: That's kind of sad!

Mira: So for all of them, Brain is something of a father figure.



: So Brain and Midnight actually *aren't* father and son?



: That's right.

Lucy: Wow! So people who don't read this extra or the people who only read it in the magazine would always be under the impression that they're related!

Mira: Now don't you feel special for having this info?

Lucy: But now the info seems a bit iffy...

Mira: And in future editions, we'll give you even more background and conceptual information! How about that?!

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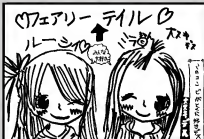
This one just sort of struck me as funny... D-Dammit, he's so boxy... Heh heh!



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▼ Cute and really well done!



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Aichi Prefecture, Kasumi Hamai



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▼ As I drew this volume I realized I really like these two!



Guma Prefecture, Mini ☆

▼ Whoaaa! This fires me up! This is how Natsu is supposed to be!

▼ It's rare to see a drawing of Lissanna, but she has more of a...

▼ Lyon and Sherry make a good couple, but just as you think...

Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 4, Nabura

Although in Japanese, there is a word, *nabura*, that's a technical word in the world of fishing, it seems to have nothing to do with the *nabura* that Master Robaul keeps repeating. This is called a *kuchiguse* ("mouth habit") or a word that the speaker is just in the habit of saying. As the other members of his guild note, it doesn't have any meaning that anyone can completely define. So if you don't understand the word *nabura*, you're not alone. Neither do the Japanese readers, nor do I.



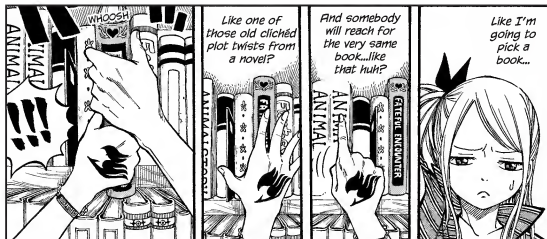
Page 11, Richard-dono

The honorific *-dono* is a somewhat archaic word that Jura (and some other manga/anime characters) uses. It means about the same thing as *-sama*. See more on this in the notes for Volume 18.



Page 178, Reaching for the same book

This trope (an often-used story-telling cliché) is used almost as often as the 'transfer student' in Japanese story telling. It's especially overused in Japanese romantic comedies in live-action TV and films. The lure of the trope is obvious – not only do both parties share an interest in reading, but they are also interested in exactly the same book, showing a certain compatibility. Plus it allows the soon-to-be romantic couple to touch for the first time. But as Lucy said, it's used so often that it's an old, worn-out cliché.



FROM HIRO NASHIMA



After I realized that I hadn't eaten a banana in a very long time, I sort of got the urge and drew this picture. Even so, it isn't like I suddenly got the urge to eat bananas. But it isn't like I hate them or anything. Still, once I drew the picture, I felt completely satisfied. And the phrase, "I can't resist the cute ones!"... I wrote it, and no, I have no idea what it's supposed to mean.

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HIRO MASHIMA

Every-
body,
do your
part!

It's
time!!!

Taurus
!!!!

Open!!!
Golden
Bovine
Gate...

Perfume of
Strength,
enact!!!!

Ngoooo
oooooo
ooooo!

Natsu!

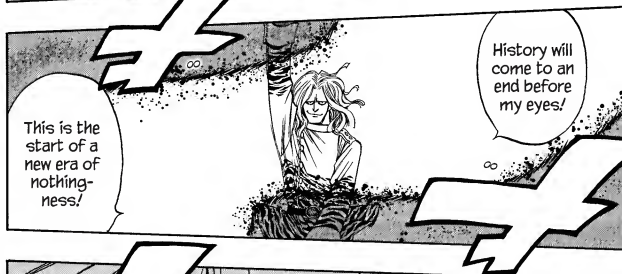
*Roar of the Sky Dragon

Tenryû no
Hôkô*...



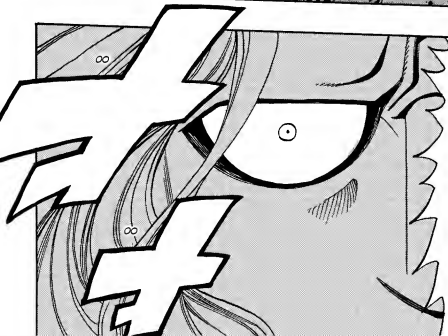


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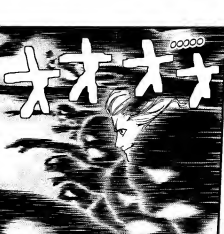
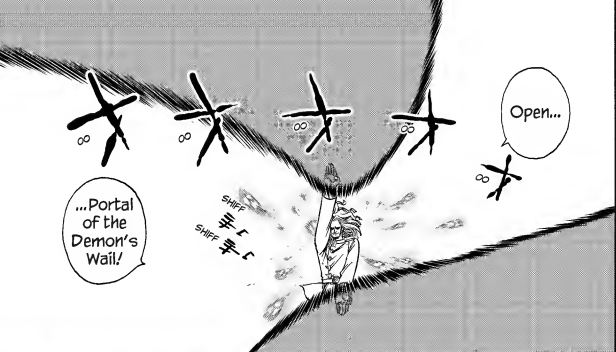


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start of a
new era of
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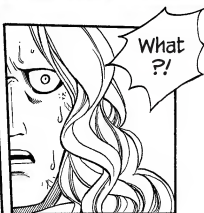
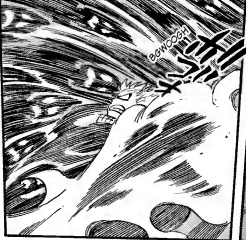
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come to an
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my eyes!

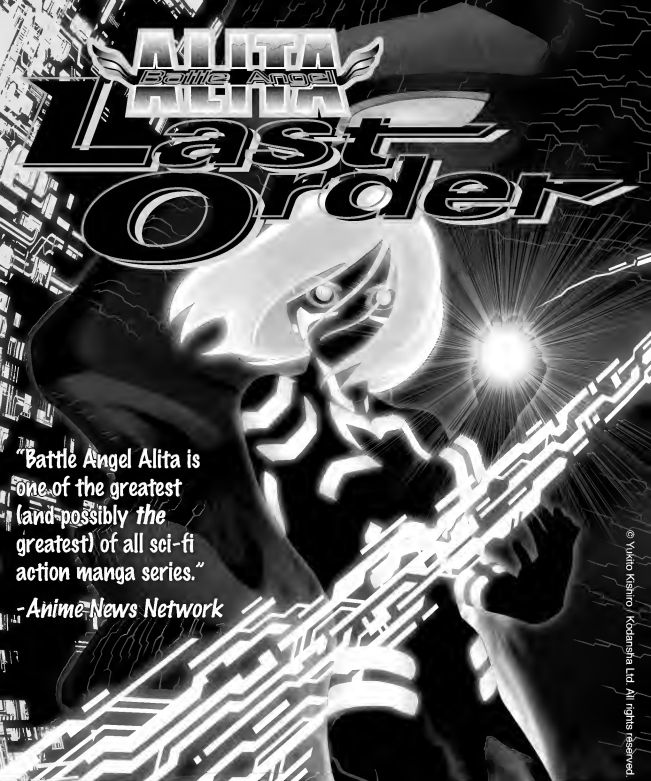


**GENESIS
ZERO
!!!!**









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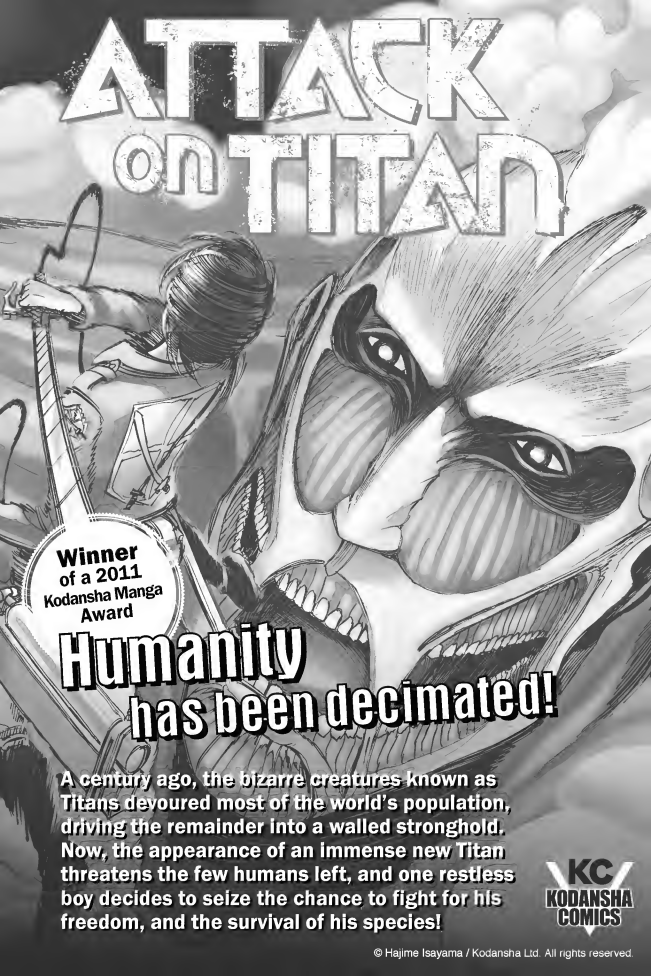
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